

# FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH IN BEVERLY

*A progressive and welcoming Christian community*

# THE BULLETIN

of the First Baptist Church in Beverly



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Get Involved

Worship with  
Us

It's hard to believe we're about halfway into our Lenten journey together! We will continue to build upon our seasonal theme, *Stay: Active Faith on the Journey to the Cross* with Daniel illustrating ways in which we can "Stay Present to Suffering" this Sunday during worship. Daniel's message ties right into the 3-part Discussion Series launching on Thursday, March 26th titled *Spiritual Resilience for Difficult Times* presented by the Beverly Multifaith Coalition. Read on to find more opportunities to get (& stay!) involved in the life of FBC and local Beverly throughout the second half of Lent!

## Worship With Us!

Join us for our Worship Service this **Sunday, March 15th, 2026, 2026 at 10:00 a.m.**, either in person or via our [FBC YouTube Channel](#).

### Notes for Sunday:

- All children of kindergarten age and younger will meet in the Littlest Learners room this week.
- The Playground will be open as worship begins to allow our elementary-age and younger friends to enter into the quiet enjoyment of worship in a flexible child-friendly space.
- Our Elementary Class will meet following the Stepsitters children's message time during worship.
- The Youth Pew is available for youth in grades 5-12 to enjoy worship together with peers.
- Inquiry Class meets at 1:00 p.m.
- Middle School Fellowship and Sr. High Fellowship groups both meet at their regularly scheduled times this week.

## STAY

PRESENT TO SUFFERING

Scripture: John 11:1-37



SUNDAY, MARCH 15, 2026

PREACHER: DR. DANIEL JOHNSON



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

# YOUTH FELLOWSHIP NOTES FOR THIS WEEK:

## Middle School Fellowship

**Sunday, March 15th: Fellowship Shark Tank**

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

An annual favorite Middle School program is making its return this Sunday at FBC! The middle school youth will be working on creating the best and most creative leprechaun traps they can design (youth are encouraged to bring materials from home that they would like to use or think would make a good addition to their invention), before entering the FBC Shark Tank to present their inventions to our First Baptist shark investors - who will be ready to make an investment deal with some of the candy, cookies, or other prizes in their investment portfolio. Youth are encouraged to be as creative as possible in dreaming up their inventions and in designing their prototypes, as well as in their presentation to the Sharks (played by our special FBC celebrity guests!). Friends are welcome, of course - there's room in the tank for all!



## Senior High Fellowship

**Sunday, March 15th: Ides of March Murder Mystery**

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

March 15th is the Ides of March, and this year it's not only Julius Caesar who should beware and should heed the warning of the Soothsayer! Come with your alibi and with your best detective skills as the group prepares to solve the murder mystery game being created for the evening's program by advisor Ellie Constantine. Search for clues, solve the puzzle, and have fun while doing it! Friends are welcome, and dinner will be provided. The evening will end with the sharing of Concerns and Celebrations, as usual!

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Click  
HERE to  
view our  
Web  
Calendar

**Easter is on the way! Donate your time  
and/or Candy and Small Toys to Help  
Support our Egg Hunt**

# EASTER EGG DONATIONS & HELPERS!

## **Volunteer Easter Egg Fillers** – Time/Days TBD!

We are looking for some good eggs to hop to the work of helping to fill all the many Easter eggs that will be used on Easter Sunday morning for our egg hunt for children and youth. Certainly somebunny out there would love this job – and it's even more fun when multiple somebunnies get together to help! If you are willing and able to assist, please email Julie letting her know what days and times would work for you the week of March 22nd or March 29th.

**Easter Egg Donations** – We are also gratefully receiving donations of Easter egg fillers – candy or non-candy items (such as stickers, small fun Easter erasers or toys, etc) to help fill our Easter eggs. It would be helpful to receive any donations at the church office no later than Sunday, March 29th, if possible. If you are donating candy, please ensure they are free of both peanuts and tree nuts.



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Easter lilies and tulips are now available to order at FBC! The cost is \$10.50 for lilies and \$9.00 for tulips. Orders are due to Pat by Monday, March 23rd. You can note your lily or tulip order on the clipboard in the church office on a Sunday or contact Pat Haight at 978-922-3295 or at [phaight@fbcbeverly.org](mailto:phaight@fbcbeverly.org) to place your order.

The flowers, in memory or in honor of a loved one, will decorate our Sanctuary during our Easter Sunday Service and will be available to take with you after the service on April 5th. If

you prefer, you can donate your flower(s) to be gifted to members of the First Baptist Church family who are not able to join us for worship as often as they would like in person but who are still very much a part of our FBC Family!

Place orders with Pat  
by Monday, March 23rd!

ORDER YOUR  
*Easter Lilies &  
Tulips*

\$10.50 for Lilies

\$9 for Tulips

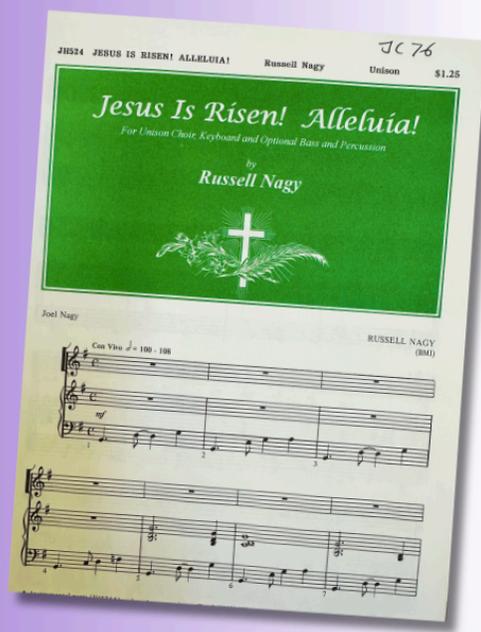


Click [HERE](#) to order your Easter Lilies & Tulips

# FBC Pop Up Choir FOR EASTER!

**JOIN ESTHER FOR REHEARSAL:  
SUNDAY, MARCH 22, 2026  
RIGHT AFTER WORSHIP FOR 30  
MINUTES IN THE MUSIC ROOM**

**THIS CHOIR IS FOR ALL FBC  
YOUTH AND ANYONE ELSE WHO  
WOULD LIKE TO SING THE  
CATCHY, JOYFUL, AND BELOVED  
SONG "JESUS IS RISEN!  
ALLELUIA!" ON EASTER SUNDAY!**



# Local Opportunities in Beverly Abound this Spring



**THE CABOT**  
**AMPLIFYING VOICES**

**Films by and about people of color**  
March 12 – 13, 2026  
At the historic Cabot Theater in Beverly, MA



**All screenings are free! [thecabot.org](http://thecabot.org)**

**Check It Out!**

# SPIRITUAL RESILIENCE FOR DIFFICULT TIMES

*Discussions with the Beverly Multifaith Coalition*

**MARCH  
APRIL  
MAY**

**The Last Thursday of the month**  
7:00 PM  
Beverly Library or Bev Farms Branch  
Library

**THURS  
3.26**

**The Importance of Not Playing Alone**  
Vaclav Havel, selections from *The Power  
of the Powerless*  
7:00 PM  
Sohier Room, Beverly Public Library

**THURS  
4.30**

**The Importance of Going Deep to Stay  
Involved**  
Discussing selections from the writings of  
Howard Thurman  
7:00 PM  
Conrad Room, Beverly Farms Branch Library

**THURS  
5.28**

**The Importance of Staying in Touch  
with Wonder**  
Discussing selections from the writings of  
Abraham Joshua Heschel  
7:00 PM  
Conrad Room, Bev Farms Branch Library

*“This Hour Calls for Moral Grandeur  
and Spiritual Audacity.”*

- Abraham Joshua Heschel

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Help strengthen Beverly's approach to preventing underage drinking. Your voice matters.

# COMMUNITY TOWN HALL ON ALCOHOL & YOUTH SAFETY

Your input can help shape prevention efforts in Beverly. Be Healthy Beverly and the Beverly Health Department invite community members to a Town Hall focused on youth and young adult alcohol use and safety.



March 31, 2026  
5:30 - 6:30 PM



Beverly Council on Aging  
90 Colon Street

Join us for dinner  
and discussion!

Register here:



## WHY ATTEND?

Your feedback will help:

- Guide local prevention programs
- Identify community needs and gaps
- Inform conversations with city departments and partners
- Support positive changes across the community
- Improve policies, programs, and practices

## WHAT WE'LL TALK ABOUT

- Alcohol use among youth and young adults
- Safe alcohol storage at home
- Social hosting and access to alcohol
- Community attitudes about drinking
- Impaired driving and public safety

## WHO SHOULD COME

Parents, caregivers, youth, educators, city staff, service providers, and all community members are welcome.

This event is supported by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) through the Sober Truth on Preventing Underage Drinking Act (STOP Act) Grant.



**Public Health**  
Prevent. Promote. Protect.

[Click HERE to Register](#)

Take a Peek at what our Fellowshipers have  
been up to  
& the Memories made at the FBC Women's  
Grotonwood Retreat!

# MIDDLE SCHOOL FELLOWSHIP LASER TAG FUN!





Sr. High Fellowship

# FOR SNACK BAGS BOOTSTRAPS



FBC  
WOMEN'S  
RETREAT

# GROTONWOOD '26!



Looking ahead this week at FBC...

### Together Again!

Zoom Coffee  
Hour  
Thursdays  
@ 10am



Click [HERE](#) to Zoom on in to  
Coffee Hour!

## Word Searchers

The Word Searchers adult Bible study group will gather again on Sunday to dig into yet another story of Paul's standing before a court and offering a defense of his conduct. This one, which appears in Acts chapter 24, amounts to a pre-trial hearing that results in no judgment about his case but instead leads to his indefinite detention. Join us at 11:30 in the Conference Room to see how it all unfolds!

Lectio Divina meets  
today with Daniel &  
Friends at 8:00 pm.  
**LECTIO DIVINA IS  
CANCELED FOR  
FRIDAY. WE LOOK  
FORWARD TO  
SEEING YOU NEXT  
TIME!**



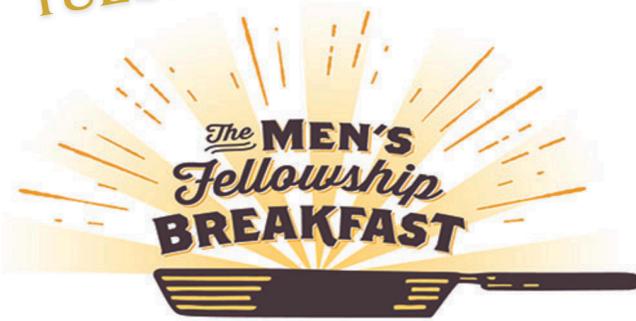
## PICKLEBALL

**AT FBC!**



Monday Nights @ 7 pm | FBC's Gym

FBC'S T3 MEN'S  
FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST  
AT DEPOT DINER ON  
TUESDAY, 3/17 @ 7AM!



Place your Easter  
Lily & Tulip  
Orders at FBC!



Order your beautiful  
Easter Lilies or Tulips  
that enliven our  
Sanctuary Easter Sunday  
morning! *Due to Pat* by  
Sunday, March 23rd.

COST IS: \$10.50 FOR LILIES  
AND \$9.00 FOR TULIPS

[Order Now With Pat!](#)

“

When Jesus saw her weeping,  
and the Jews who came with her also weeping,  
he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved.

- John 11:33

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## PENCIL IN FBC

March

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Tuesday

### FBC's T3 Men's Fellowship Breakfast

The Men's Fellowship Group will gather for breakfast at 7:00 a.m. at Depot Diner this month.

March

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Friday

## The + Club

FBC's LGBTQIA+ Group meets at 7:30 p.m. in the Church Lounge. Stay tuned for more details.

March

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Sunday

## Esther's Pop-Up Easter Choir Rehearsal!

Join Esther for a fun Pop-Up Easter Choir rehearsal immediately followed by fellowship worship in the Music Room. This choir is for all FBC youth and anyone else who would like to sing the catchy, joyful, and beloved song "Jesus is Risen! Alleluia!" on Easter Sunday.

March

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Monday

## Wit & Wisdom Luncheon

For those of retirement age, this popular FBC group gathers for their monthly luncheon. More details to come!

March

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Thursday

## Spiritual Resilience for Difficult Times: Discussion with the Beverly Multifaith Coalition

At 7:00 p.m. in the Sohler Room of the Beverly Library will be the first of three discussions. This initial meeting will focus on **The Importance of Not Playing Along**, drawing on selections from *The Power of the Powerless* by Vaclav Havel.

March

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Friday

## Sixth Friday Dinner & Movie Night

Don't miss this fun FBC tradition kicking off at 6:00 p.m. as we usher in Holy Week with dinner, plenty of snacks and a movie!

March

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Sunday

## Palm Sunday at FBC

Join us for a Pancake Sunday Breakfast spread benefiting our FBC Beverly youth ministries from 8:30-9:30 a.m., then **stay** for our annual Palm Processional at the start of worship.

March

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Tuesday

## Community Town Hall on Alcohol & Youth Safety

Join Be Healthy Beverly and the Beverly Health Department for dinner and a discussion about youth and young adult alcohol use and safety. All community members are welcome to participate in this important conversation at the Beverly Council on Aging.

April

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Thursday

## Maundy Thursday Tenebrae Worship Service

We'll have our regular Maundy Thursday worship service and quiet time for reflection at 7:00 p.m. this evening.

April

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Sunday

## EASTER BREAKFAST, CELEBRATION, EGG HUNT & WORSHIP!

Christ is risen! Join us Easter Sunday morning starting with breakfast at 8:30 a.m. and stay for our egg hunt at 9:00 a.m. & worship at 10:00 a.m.

## CONTACT US

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