

# 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

There's something for everyone this Lent at FBC Beverly, whether it's joining Esther's Easter Pop-Up Choir, lending a hand stuffing Easter eggs ahead of the big Easter Egg hunt, kicking off Holy Week with dinner and a movie, or dropping in for one of the **\*TWO\*** upcoming breakfasts and/or three Holy Week worship services. What better time to *Stay* engaged in the life and ministry of the church when there so many opportunities to spring into action! We hope you'll join in some (or perhaps even ALL!) of the upcoming FBC fun!

## Worship With Us!

Join us for our Worship Service this **Sunday, March 22nd, 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.
- Youth Class for those in grades 5-12 will meet after worship.
- **Esther's Pop Up Easter Choir meets in the Music room immediately after**

## STAY Vocal

Scripture: Matthew 21:12-17



SUNDAY, MARCH 22, 2026

PREACHER: REV. JULIE FLOWERS



Click **HERE** to join  
Worship via Livestream  
Sunday

**worship.**

- Inquiry Class meets at 1:00 p.m.
- Middle School Fellowship meets at 4 p.m. and Sr. High Fellowship at 5:45 p.m. this week.

**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!**



The image shows a sheet music cover for the song "Jesus Is Risen! Alleluia!" by Russell Nagy. The cover is green and white with a white cross and a palm branch. The title is in a stylized font. Below the title, it says "For Unison Choir, Keyboard and Organized Bass and Percussion". The composer's name, "Russell Nagy", is also present. The sheet music itself is visible below the cover, showing the beginning of the piece with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#).



The logo for the First Baptist Church in Beverly, featuring a rainbow and the text "FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH IN BEVERLY" and "A progressive and welcoming Christian community".

## YOUTH FELLOWSHIP NOTES FOR THIS WEEK:

### Middle School Fellowship

**Sunday, March 22nd: Theme Day Program**

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

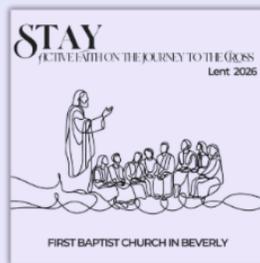
The Middle School Fellowship will be returning to its program year theme on Friendship this Sunday, to do some thinking, playing, and discussing together about the topic of friendship - how we understand friendship, how we make new friends, and how we navigate ups and downs with the friends we have. This Theme Day program will also serve as a jumping-off program to help the group prepare for its upcoming Spring Weekend Retreat to Grotonwood (April 10th-12th), although coming to this program does not commit anyone to having to be away for the weekend that weekend. All Middle Schoolers are invited to come and jump back into the Friendship theme together - friends are, of course, invited! More details about the Spring Weekend Retreat will be coming by email in the weeks to come, but the group will have a chance to talk some about the retreat this Sunday, as well!

## Senior High Fellowship

**Sunday, March 22nd: Bowling at Cape Ann Lanes in Gloucester**  
**\*5:45 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. – Meet in the Narthex (Lobby) at First Baptist**  
**PLEASE NOTE EARLY START TIME!**

The Senior High Fellowship will meet at the church at a slightly earlier time this Sunday (no later than 5:45 p.m.) to make sure the group can head off to Cape Ann Lanes in Gloucester in time for a 6:15 p.m. reservation to bowl. It would be helpful for Julie to have a close headcount before Sunday, to ensure enough lanes have been reserved to accommodate the group, so those planning to attend should please let Julie know as soon as possible (by Saturday at the latest). Youth are asked to bring \$15 to help cover the cost of bowling and their bowling shoe rental - financial assistance is always available, however, so please do not miss bowling due to cost! Just let Julie or any advisor know, and the church can ensure everyone can bowl - it is a commitment of the Fellowship program and church that no youth should have to miss any program due to financial obstacles. Youth are also reminded to make sure to wear or bring socks - no one wants to be stuck in rented bowling shoes barefoot! Cape Ann Lanes has a restaurant connected to it, so dinner of pizza and appetizers will be provided from that menu. Youth who wish to bring some additional spending money for other snacks or for arcade games at the bowling alley are welcome to do so. Friends are invited, of course - just let Julie know they are joining in the fun! The group will return to First Baptist ahead of the usual 9 p.m. pick-up time.

## Lent 2026 at FBC



## Lily and Tulip Orders are Due in **\*FIVE\*** Days!

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



Donate Your Time and/or Candy to Support  
Our Easter Sunday 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.

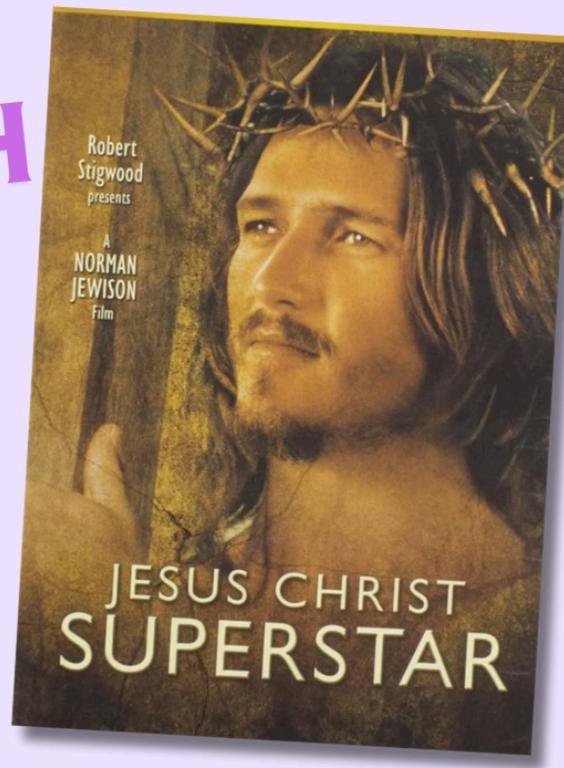
**Easter Egg Donations** - We are also gratefully receiving donations of Easter egg fillers - candy or non-candy items (such as stickers, small fun Easter erasers or toys, etc) to help fill our Easter eggs. It would be helpful to receive any donations at the church office no later than Sunday, March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



Pencil in These Holy Week Dates &  
Get Those RSVPs in for Lenten Fun!

# FBC DINNER & Movie Event

FRIDAY,  
MARCH 27TH  
AT 6 PM!



**Join Us for Our Annual Entering-into-Holy-Week Dinner and a  
Movie Event on Friday, March 27th!**

Join us at 6:00 p.m. for a dinner of pizza and salad in Wilbur Hall followed by our feature *Jesus Christ Superstar*, the 70s version!, starting at 7:00 p.m. Similar to last year, movie snacks will be shared in the Sanctuary as we reprise this fun FBC tradition. Folks are welcome to sing along during the movie too, if they wish!

Don't forget to bring your pillows and blankets and to **RSVP to the Church Office BY NEXT THURSDAY** so we can have an accurate headcount for food. (RSVPs are not required but ARE helpful for food planning purposes, so please [email the church office](#) if you do plan on joining in the fun!).

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# You're Cordially Invited to the Annual Palm Sunday Pancake Breakfast Next Weekend



Bring your family, friends, and neighbors and come and enjoy a delicious pancake breakfast before worship on Palm Sunday! This breakfast – a long-time tradition at First Baptist – is prepared by the Sr. High Fellowship, and all proceeds raised go to support the youth ministries of the church.

**Breakfast will be served from 8:30-9:30 a.m. in Wilbur Hall.**

The cost for breakfast is \$9.50/adult, \$6/child, and children 2 and under eat FREE. (Max cost is \$26/family.) FBC can take payment by cash, check, or Venmo.

*Come for the pancakes, stay for the Palm Processional at the start of our 10 o'clock worship service that morning!*

## Join us on April 2nd, 2026 for Maundy Thursday Service

Join us for our Maundy Thursday Tenebrae Service of Worship on Thursday, April 2nd, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. All are invited to come and join us in the sanctuary for this moving and reflective service that moves from light toward shadows and darkness, as we journey with Jesus through the moments of the Last Supper with his disciples into the shadows of the sorrow of his betrayal and arrest and then anticipate the heartbreak and heaviness of Good Friday. This service includes a ritual of handwashing, as well as a time of sharing in Communion. Join us in the sanctuary or via our livestream as we move through this time of Holy Week together.

### Maundy Thursday Worship Service



Thursday, April 2nd, 2026  
7:00 p.m. at FBC Beverly



**Easter Sunday Breakfast Celebration, Egg Hunt, and Worship** – The fun at First Baptist begins bright and early on Easter morning, Sunday, April 5th, with an Easter Breakfast Celebration in Wilbur Hall, beginning at 8:30 a.m.! This is a pot luck style Easter breakfast (with some items provided by our Christian Education Team and Communal Life Hospitality and Fun Squad Teams to get us started!), so all are invited to bring a breakfast item or drink to share! **Please ensure all contributions are peanut and tree nut free!** There will be games and crafts happening during the breakfast time, as well! At 9:00 a.m. the Easter Egg Hunt for children and youth will begin – those wishing to participate in the egg hunt can sign up to be part of it when they arrive in Wilbur Hall (the gym). Easter Sunday worship begins at 10:00 a.m. with a joyful handbell processional and includes the Ordinance of Baptism, when we will have the honor of witnessing the baptism of those who have chosen to make public their profession of faith and to follow Jesus through the waters of baptism!

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Click  
HERE to  
view our  
Web  
Calendar

### Double the *Wit & Wisdom* Fun! Luncheon Scheduled this Monday the 23rd & Next Book Group is Booked for April 13th

If at first you don't succeed, try, try again! After having been snowed out of our last two meetings, *Wit and Wisdom* is meeting for lunch on **Monday, March 23rd at 12:30 p.m. in the Chapel!** FINALLY this week, **Beverly Police Sgt. Dan Brown**, will join us for an informative presentation on safety and security issues. He points out that this topic can be for everyone in today's world, but we think that many of us tend to feel more vulnerable in some of the *areas of identity theft and how to identify scams*. He has a power point presentation to offer as well as time for questions. We appreciate Sgt. Brown's willingness to keep rescheduling!

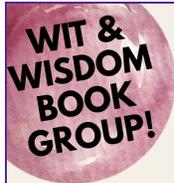
Please note the change of time and space! This group is open to all those of retirement age. A light lunch will be served. Your donation to defray the cost of lunch will be very much appreciated! If you would like a beverage other than water, please feel free to bring yours along.

It's been awhile, so we are overdue for a book and/or puzzle swap. Bring some along if you have some to share.



**Witties Luncheon!**  
**Monday, March 23rd at**  
**12:30 p.m. in the Chapel!**

**WIT & WISDOM**



**Join us on Monday,**  
**April 13th at 11:30 a.m.**  
**to discuss *Within Arm's***  
***Reach* by Ann Napolitano**

**WIT & WISDOM**

The **Wit and Wisdom book group** enjoyed a good discussion of the book *Hamnet* by Maggie O'Farrell at their March meeting. If you are looking for some book suggestions, the members mentioned several titles for future meetings including *Queen Esther* by John Irving, *The Wager* by David Grant, *The Correspondent* by Virginia Evans and *Raising Hare* by Claire Dalton.

*Within Arm's Reach* by Ann Napolitano was chosen for the April meeting which will be held on **Monday, April 13th at 11:30 a.m.**. Come join in even if you do not have a chance to read the book. You are welcome to listen in!

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.

# Middle School Fellowship Faced the Shark Tank & Sr. High Solved a Pun-Tastic Ides-Of-March Murder Mystery!



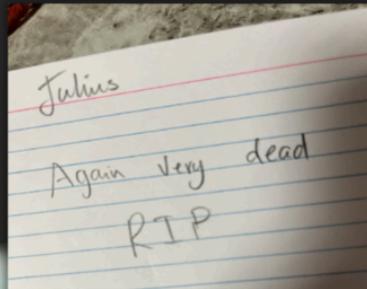
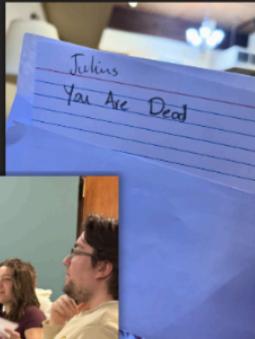
**Fellowshippers pitched their inventive leprechaun traps to Celebrity Sharks on Sunday.**

Sr. High Fellowship  
Ideas of March...

# MURDER MYSTERY

Reading of  
LAST WILL AND  
TESTAMENT  
of  
Ingrid Idients  
of  
THE THOUSAND ISLES  
9:30am Sharp

Who killed Julius (Julie for short) Caesar (salad)? The Sr. High crew were on the case! Thanks to advisor Ellie Constantine and her partner in crime Adam for creating this punny program!





Thank you to Heidi Keating for capturing this moment from last Sunday's worship service! The Celebration Ringers Handbell Choir captivated the congregation with their rendition of *What a Friend We Have in Jesus* - including some littlest friends with the best seats in the house in our Playground!

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### Looking ahead this week at FBC...

#### Together Again!

Zoom Coffee  
Hour  
Thursdays  
@ 10am



Lectio Divina  
continues this  
Friday with Daniel &  
Friends at 3 pm.

Join us in the Church  
Lounge!



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



**Word Searchers**  
The Word Searchers will continue our study of the book of Acts this Sunday after worship in the Conference Room. We will begin reading in chapter 25, in which Paul, while still under house arrest in a city on the Palestinian coast, has a chance to defend himself (yet again!) before a new Roman governor and winds up appealing his case to the Emperor. Join us to see whether his desperate move works out for him!

# FBC Pop Up Choir FOR EASTER!

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**INQUIRY CLASS**  
CONTINUES THIS SUNDAY AT 1:00 P.M.!



JOIN US ON SUNDAY, 3/22/26 AFTER WORSHIP FOR FBC'S...

## YOUTH CLASS



Youth in grades 5-12 are invited to stay immediately after worship!

**SANDWICHES & SAFETY THIS MONDAY W/ SARGENT DAN BROWN!**



**Witties Luncheon!**  
Monday, March 23rd at 12:30 p.m. in the Chapel!

# WIT & WISDOM

# PICKLEBALL

AT FBC!



Monday Nights @ 7 pm | FBC's Gym

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When the chief priests and teachers of the Law saw the wonderful things Jesus did, and heard the children shouting 'Hosanna to the Heir of the House of David!' throughout the Temple area, they became indignant. 'Do you hear what the children are shouting?' they asked him. 'Yes,' Jesus replied.

”

'Have you never read, "From the mouths of children and nursing babies, you have brought forth praise"?'

- Matthew 21:15-16

taken from The First Egalitarian Translation

## PENCIL IN FBC

March

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Sunday

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

Join Esther for a fun Pop-Up Easter Choir rehearsal immediately 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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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 *Jesus Christ Superstar!*

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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