

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

Spring has officially sprung at FBC, and we're filling up the calendar with events focused on faith, reflection, and, of course, FUN! Join us for Sunday morning worship at 10 a.m. this Sunday – either in-person or via our livestream – and be a part of the gathered community witnessing the Ordinance of Baptism during this service. Read on in this *Bulletin* for a whole host of exciting new First Baptist AND greater Beverly community partner events to enliven the next month, before we turn our eyes toward summer!

Worship With Us!

Join us for our **Worship Service** this **Sunday, April 19th, 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 Prayground 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 will meet immediately following worship for those in grades 5-12.
- Middle School and Sr. High Fellowship groups are both back at their regularly scheduled times this week.

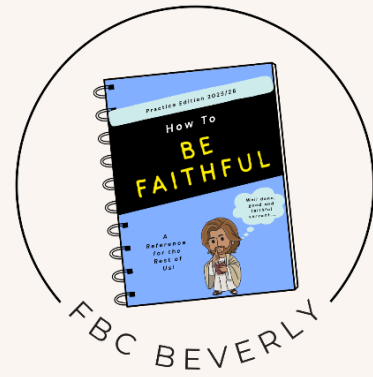
"HOW TO ASK FOR WHAT YOU NEED"

SCRIPTURE: JOHN 20:19-28



SUNDAY, APRIL 19, 2026
PREACHER: REV. JULIE FLOWERS

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



YOUTH FELLOWSHIP NOTES FOR THIS WEEK:

Middle School Fellowship

Sunday, April 19th: Earth Day Hike

4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. - Meet at First Baptist to head out

The Middle School Fellowship will be heading out for a (gentle) pre-Earth Day hike in the woods this Sunday afternoon! This adventure will find the group taking time to stop and sit, observing nature and the world around them and noticing what they see and hear, as well as traveling with trash bags at the ready, to do some Earth Day trail clean-up as they go. Youth are asked to wear sneakers or sturdy shoes for hiking, as well as to dress in layers/for the weather. Please bring a small day pack with bug spray, sunscreen, water, and a small snack to enjoy along the way, as well. After the hike, the group will return to First Baptist in time for pick-up at 6:00 p.m. Friends are welcome to come and join in the hiking fun!

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### Senior High Fellowship

**Sunday, April 19th: Theme Night**

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

The Sr. High Fellowship group will be enjoying a Theme Night on Sunday evening, returning to thinking about the group's guiding theme for the year – using their own unique voices and gifts to make a difference in the world – with an evening of activities, games, and discussion. Dinner will be provided, and there will be time for scheduled free time for games, time in the gym, and just enjoying being together during the evening, as well! Please feel free to invite friends to come and be a part of it all. The evening will end with the sharing of Concerns and Celebrations, as always!

Click  
HERE to  
view our  
Web  
Calendar



## **Taking Back Our Power: *What You Need To Meet With Your Local Reps***

 **Thursday, April 16<sup>th</sup>, 6-8 PM**

 **First Church in Salem  
316 Essex Street  
Salem, MA (parking at Sewall Street Lot)**

Get the tools and make a plan to demand  
change on immigration and housing now!



**Register now:**  
**[bit.ly/eccoresearchaction](https://bit.ly/eccoresearchaction)**



The + Club is **BACK** in action this **Friday night, April 17th at 7:30 p.m.**~ Join the fun and come by to paint spring decor, bird houses, and plant pots for home! If time allows, folks can even plant some seeds in the newly painted planters!

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Calling All Twerties: Come Take a Hike this  
Saturday at 1:00 p.m.!

## FBC'S TWERTIES HEADED FOR A DOG-FRIENDLY HIKE TO CATHEDRAL PINES!

The Twerties are hitting the trail! If you are a twenty-or-thirty-something, join the Twerties group for a hike/nature walk at Cathedral Pines in Essex, MA on Saturday, April 18th at 1:00 PM. It is a dog-friendly site and folks are welcome to bring their dogs if they so choose. Folks can either meet at the Cathedral Pines trailhead (398 Southern Ave., Essex) at 1:00 p.m. or meet up at the FBC parking lot at 12:30 p.m. to carpool. Grab some boots & let's do this!



For questions or to express interest, please reach out to Jack Hadley at: [johnaustinhadley@gmail.com](mailto:johnaustinhadley@gmail.com).

Email Jack Hadley with Questions or to Show Interest

**Essex site for this  
National Conference**

**SATURDAY,  
APRIL 18TH**

**8:30 am–3:30 pm**



**Creating community for trans folx and  
allies to explore, learn and grow.**



- Live and streamed workshops
- Keynote speaker Logan Grendel (streamed)
- Live music
- BYO lunch—snacks and beverages provided

To attend, *in person or virtually*, scan the QR code or follow the link below:

**IN COLLABORATION WITH**



<https://face.onechurchsoftware.com/public/forms/49>

Beverly Multifaith Coalition Discussion Series  
starts next week at Beverly Farms Branch  
Library

# SPIRITUAL RESILIENCE FOR DIFFICULT TIMES

*Discussions with the Beverly Multifaith Coalition*

**APRIL  
-  
MAY**

7:00 PM in the Conrad Room,  
Beverly Farms Branch Library

**THURS  
4.23  
7 PM**

**The Importance of Not Playing Along**  
Vaclav Havel, selections from *The Power of  
the Powerless*  
Led by the Rev. Tim Clayton, Trinity North  
Shore

**THURS  
4.30  
7PM**

**The Importance of Going Deep to Stay  
Involved**  
Discussing selections from the writings of  
Howard Thurman  
Led by the Rev. Dr. Gail Cantor, Interfaith  
Chaplain, Endicott College

**THURS  
5.28  
7PM**

**The Importance of Staying in Touch  
with Wonder**  
Discussing selections from the writings of  
Abraham Joshua Heschel  
Led by Rabbi Alison Adler, Temple B'nai  
Abraham, and Rev. Daniel  
Johnson, First Baptist Church, Beverly

*"This Hour Calls for Moral Grandeur  
and Spiritual Audacity."*

- Abraham Joshua Heschel



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## Wit & Wisdom Luncheon Scheduled for Monday, April 27th!

The **Wit and Wisdom** group will hold its next luncheon meeting on **Monday, April 27 at 11:30 a.m. in the FBC Lounge**. All interested adults of retirement age are invited! Please join us!

This luncheon will be *pot luck, but no hot foods please*. So bring something to share. Sandwich components, chips, dips, salads, desserts are suggested contributions.

Since the summer and thoughts of vacation time will soon be upon us, it would be interesting to hear about *a favorite or memorable vacation experience from any point in your life, from childhood through to more recent times*. If you have *souvenirs or memorabilia for show and tell* that would be fun too! So take a trip down memory lane and come share some good times with friends.

The next book group meeting will be on **Monday, May 11th at 11:30 a.m.** The book up for discussion is ***The Correspondent* by Virginia Evans**.

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# THE MYTH OF A SAFETY NET: WHEN 'HELP' ISN'T THERE

Wednesday, April 29, 2026

6:30 PM to 8:30 PM – Panel starts at 7 PM

Join us for refreshments and snacks starting at 6:30 PM

Klebanoff Auditorium & Judge Science Center Lobby at Endicott College



**COME LISTEN. COME LEARN.  
COME CHALLENGE WHAT YOU  
THINK YOU KNOW ABOUT HOW  
TO AVOID HOMELESSNESS.**



We're led to believe that there is a safety net for families facing housing crises, but the reality is far more complicated. Join us for a powerful panel discussion with advocates and experts in the field as we unpack how systems are designed to respond after families hit rock bottom, not before. Learn why prevention is so hard to access, how trauma becomes baked into the process, and why most people don't realize any of this until they experience it themselves.



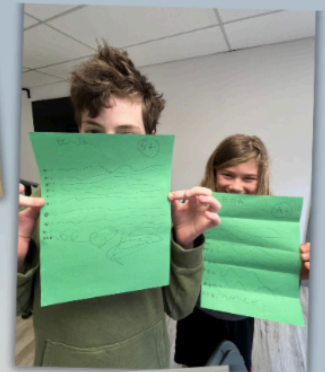
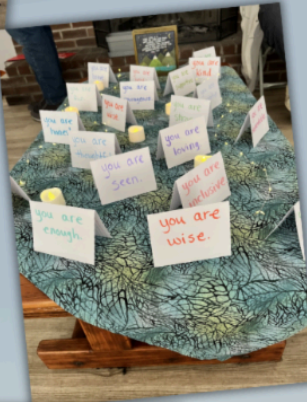
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FBC's Middle School Fellowship  
Retreated to Grotonwood while Sr. High  
Fellowship supported castmates in *Freaky  
Friday!*

FBC's Middle School Fellowship

# GROTONWOOD RETREAT

*A time of friendship, renewal & faith*



# ...AND THE FUN CONTINUED!



# SR. HIGH FELLOWSHIP



**OUR SR. HIGH FELLOWSHIP YOUTH AND ADVISORS HEADED TO BEVERLY HIGH SCHOOL TO SEE FREAKY FRIDAY - WHICH INCLUDED NINE SR. HIGH FELLOWSHIP FRIENDS AMONG THE CAST, CREW, AND PIT! EXTRA SPECIAL CONGRATULATIONS TO KAELYN, PIPER, LILY P., BELLA, NORAH, TYLER, LILY K., EMILY, AND BRANDON!**



Looking ahead at FBC...

Zoom Coffee Hour  
Thursdays  
@ 10am



Zoom Coffee Hour Link for  
Thursday @ 10 AM




**THE + CLUB**  
A queer intergenerational hangout space

**SPRING  
Paint Party**



Lectio Divina meets  
today with Daniel &  
Friends at 8:00 pm.  
Join us in FBC's  
Church Lounge!

**LECTIO DIVINA IS  
CANCELED FOR  
FRIDAY. WE LOOK  
FORWARD TO  
SEEING YOU NEXT  
TIME!**



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# Word Searchers

The Word Searchers will gather this Sunday to take a close look at Acts chapter 27 and all of the dramatic action on the high seas that is reported on there. Yes, that's right: it's SHIPWRECK week in our journey through the book of Acts! Join the crew in the Conference Room at 11:30 a.m., mates!

JOIN US ON SUNDAY, 4/19/26  
AFTER WORSHIP FOR FBC'S...

## YOUTH CLASS



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

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH  
IN BEVERLY

*FBC's Church Office is*

# CLOSED

Monday, April 20th, 2026

In Honor of Patriot's Day

FBC'S T3 MEN'S  
FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST  
AT STEPHY'S ON TUESDAY,  
4/21 @ 7AM!



WHAT  
WILL  
YOU  
BRING?



Cold Potluck Luncheon  
Monday, April 27th at  
11:30 a.m. in the Lounge!

# WIT & WISDOM

“ Then he said to Thomas, ‘Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.’

Thomas answered him, ‘My Lord and my God!’  
— John 20:27-28

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## PENCIL IN FBC

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April

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Friday

### The + Club Meets

FBC's LGBTQIA+ Group meets at 7:30 p.m. in the Church Lounge and the group is thinking spring! Join the fun and paint some pots then plant some seeds!

April

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Saturday

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April

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Monday

### Patriot's Day

The Church Office is closed in honor of Patriot's Day.

April

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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 Steph's this month.

April

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Thursday

## Beverly Multifaith Coalition

### Discussion of "Spiritual Resilience for Difficult Times"

Join the Beverly Multifaith Coalition at 7:00 p.m. in the Conrad Room at the Beverly Farms Branch Library for the first of three community conversations about spiritual resilience. This one will focus on what Vaclav Havel has to say about *The Importance of Not Playing Along*.

April

27

Monday

## Wit & Wisdom's April Luncheon

For those of retirement age and older, this popular FBC group reconvenes for their monthly luncheon. The group is channeling summer vacation vibes and will reminisce about memorable vacations with souvenirs to boot (if folks are so inclined to show off any mementos or share photos for fun!).

April

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Thursday

## Beverly Multifaith Coalition

### Discussion of "Spiritual Resilience for Difficult Times," Session Two

Join the Beverly Multifaith Coalition at 7:00 p.m. in the Conrad Room at the Beverly Farms Branch Library for the second of their conversations about spiritual resilience, this time focused on Howard Thurman and *The Importance of Going Deep to Stay Involved*.

May

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Friday

## Parents' Night Out

Join us for this FBC family favorite for the month of May! Parents' Night Out will run at the usual time from 6:00-8:30 p.m. Spread the word and start making some plans! This event is open for those ages 2-12 in the greater Beverly community as well.

May

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Sunday

## Communion Sunday

Join us for the celebration of Communion this Sunday at worship.

May

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Tuesday

## Theology On Tap

Join us at 8:00 p.m. at the Kitchen Table in Beverly and bring your thirst for fellowship and hunger for lively conversation about life and faith!

May

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Monday

## Wit & Wisdom Book Group

Book group meets today at 11:30 a.m. to discuss *The Correspondent* by Virginia Evans. Reminder: Folks are still welcome even if they didn't finish or read the book!

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