

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH IN BEVERLY

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THE BULLETIN

of the First Baptist Church in Beverly



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Worship with
Us

It's that time of year when new growth is all around us—a season that invites hope and renewal—and we'd love for you to join us on this journey as we gather for worship this Communion Sunday. There's so much happening in the life of our church, with events coming up quickly, including Parents' Night Out this Friday, TOT on Tuesday, and an Intergenerational Game Night hosted by the FBC Fun Squad on Friday, May 8th! Looking further ahead, on Sunday, May 10th, our Children & Youth will lead us in a very special annual worship service you won't want to miss!

Worship With Us!

Join us for our **Worship Service** this **Communion Sunday, May 3rd, 2026 at 10:00 a.m.**, either in person or via our **FBC YouTube Channel**.

Please bring your own Elements of Communion this Sunday if joining us for worship via Livestream.

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.

SPECIAL EDITION	Breaking News	SPECIAL EDITION
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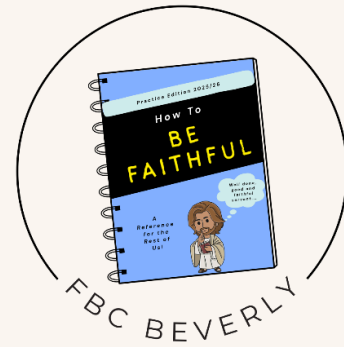
“WHAT ABOUT THE GOOD NEWS?”
ISAIAH 52:7-9 AND MARK 16:14-15

A low-cost airline is seeking bankruptcy protection due to financial losses from reduced passenger demand, increased operational costs, and a failed merger. Analysts caution this may affect regional travel and raise ticket prices for other airlines.

✦ PREACHER: THE REV. DANIEL JOHNSON ✦

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

- Youth Class meets for those in grades 5-12 for the final time this program year this Sunday.
- Middle School Fellowship meets from 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. and Sr. High meets from 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.



YOUTH FELLOWSHIP NOTES FOR THIS WEEK AND BEYOND:

Middle School Fellowship

Sunday, May 3rd: Final Friendship Theme Day of the Year!
4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. - Meet in the Youth Lounge at First Baptist

After a celebratory and fun afternoon last Sunday celebrating *everyone's* birthday, the Middle School Fellowship will be back in action this Sunday for their final Theme Day afternoon of this program year. This program will be a culmination of the thinking, exploring, and learning the group has done considering the topic of friendship this year and will feature a mix of group games and challenges to help the group put some of those friendship and teamwork skills into practice – all while having a lot of fun together, too! Youth are encouraged to come wearing sneakers and comfortable clothes to be able to run and play. Invite a friend and come join in the friendship-themed fun!



Senior High Fellowship

Sunday, May 3rd: Mini Golf and Ice Cream!
6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. - Meet in the Youth Lounge at First Baptist to head to Richardson's

The Sr. High Fellowship group had a great time getting to learn about and see lots of fun and interesting animals with Curious Creatures this past Sunday and now will have a great time heading out of the church and on the road for an evening of mini golf and ice cream! Youth should plan to meet at the church at 6 p.m., and the group will then head over to Richardson's in Middleton for a round of mini golf, followed by a chance to get ice cream together. **It is suggested that youth eat dinner before or after coming to Fellowship this evening, as there is not dinner food easily found at Richardson's!** Youth should dress to be outside for the evening and should bring \$20 for golf and ice cream. (Financial assistance is available, as well, to ensure no one has to miss the program due to a financial obstacle – please just let Julie or any advisor know if assistance would be helpful, and the church will make sure the program is covered!) The group will return to the church by 9 p.m. for pick-up, as usual! Friends are welcome!

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## Invitation to Moms and Mom-Figures in the Lives of Our Young People:

*BOTH Fellowship groups will be doing programs on Sunday, May 10th that will include an invitation to the Moms and Mom-Figures in the lives of our Fellowship members – please save the date and join us (4 p.m. for Middle School and 6 p.m. for Sr. High) if you are free and would like to come along! Stay tuned for more details!*

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

# 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.



**Beverly Multifaith Coalition Discussion Series  
Meets for the Second Time Tomorrow Night 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



## Mark Those Calendars: The Fun Squad is BACK!

(Intergenerational) Game Night is ON at FBC Beverly on Friday, May 8th from 6:30-8:00 p.m. We are resurrecting the events portion of our Fun Squad, getting up and out of a long winter of hibernation to invite our community to join in an evening of board games with fellow fun-loving people. Nut-free snacks will be provided. BYOWB (Bring Your Own Water Bottle) and BYOBG (Bring Your Own Board Games), if you like.

Questions? Contact Amy [alpftchr@aol.com](mailto:alpftchr@aol.com) or Todd [todd.a.ames@gmail.com](mailto:todd.a.ames@gmail.com).

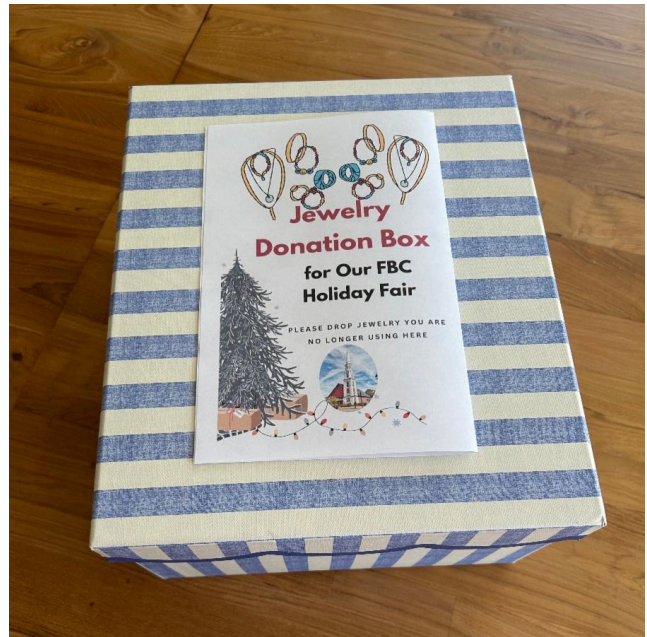
*We hope to see you there!*

# The Jewelry Table Returns for the Fair this Fall: Donations are Welcomed!

The Jewelry Table will be returning to the Fair this fall, and we need your help to make it a success.

Please take some time to go through your jewelry boxes, and pull out items you no longer wear, either costume or finer jewelry. You can bring your jewelry donations in plastic bags and drop them in the box (pictured here!) in the back of the Sanctuary over the next three weeks.

*Thank you in advance, friends!*



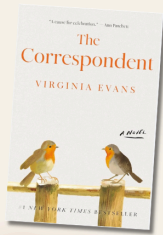
## Upcoming May Dates That Need Saving

May 10th  
CHILDREN AND  
YOUTH SUNDAY AT  
FBC!



*Make sure to join us for this special Sunday when our children and young people will be leading our 10 a.m. worship service!*

**WIT & WISDOM BOOK GROUP!**



Join us on Monday,  
May 11th at 11:30 a.m. to  
discuss The Correspondent  
by Virginia Evans!

**WIT & WISDOM**

Wit & Wisdom's Book Group  
meets to discuss *The  
Correspondent* by Virginia Evans  
on Monday, May 11th at 11:30  
a.m. in the Church Lounge!  
Mark those Calendars & Time to  
get Reading, Witties!

## FBC'S MIDDLE SCHOOL FELLOWSHIP PRESENTS...



A \*DELUXE\*  
BREAKFAST ON  
MUSIC SUNDAY!  
SUNDAY, MAY 17<sup>TH</sup>,  
8:30-9:40AM!



THIS IS A FUNDRAISER FOR OUR  
YOUTH PROGRAMS, BUT ALL MUSIC  
SUNDAY MUSICIANS/CHOIR MEMBERS  
EAT FOR FREE!

MENU INCLUDES: SCRAMBLED EGGS,  
DELUXE EGGS, BACON,  
SAUSAGE, TOTS, PANCAKES,  
BLUEBERRY PANCAKES, JUICE/COFFEE  
& CEREAL

PRICING: \$9/ADULT; \$6 CHILDREN 12  
& UNDER; KIDS 2 & UNDER (AND  
MUSIC SUNDAY MUSICIANS!) EAT  
FREE!

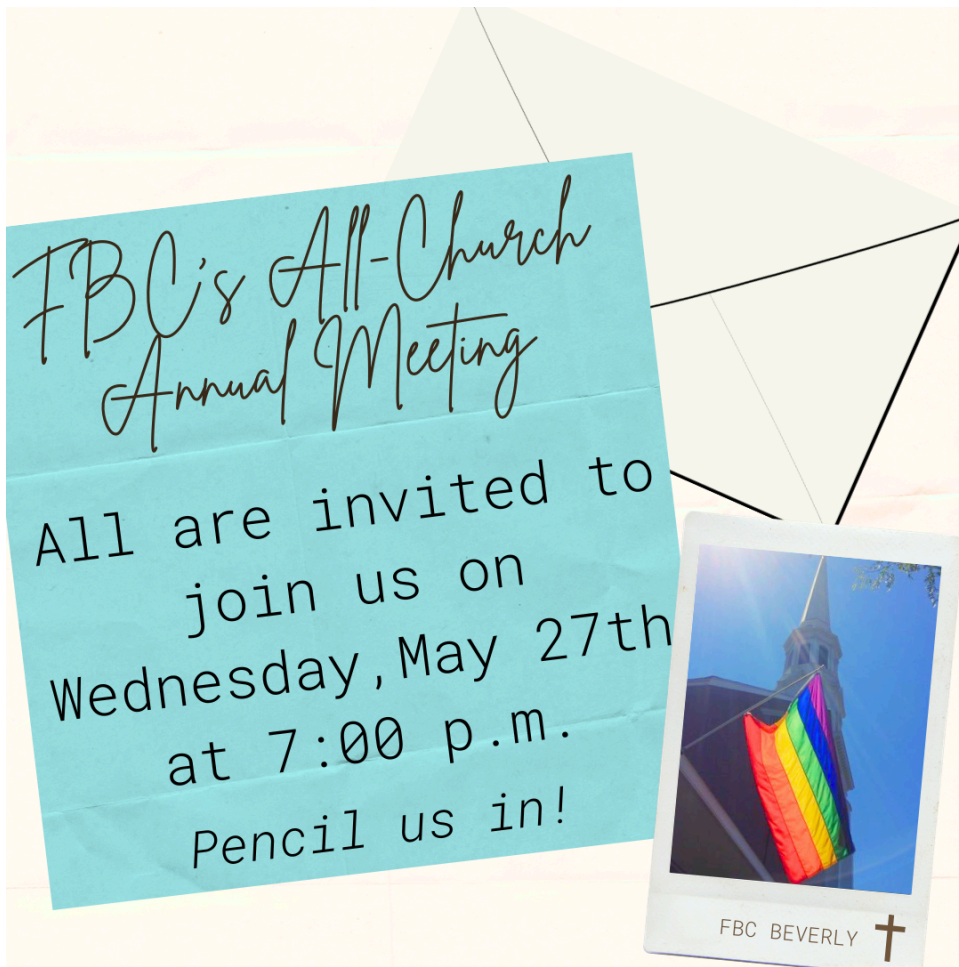
REMINDER TO OUR MIDDLE SCHOOL  
FELLOWSHIP CREW: PLEASE ARRIVE  
BY 7:15 A.M.!



DR. ESTHER CHANG & MUSICIANS PRESENT...

# MUSIC SUNDAY! MAY 17TH, 2026

SAVE-THE-DATE, FRIENDS, FOR AN EXTRAORDINARY  
MIX OF WORSHIP MUSIC PERFORMANCES AT OUR  
10:00 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE!



It's

# PARTY TIME!



FBC BEVERLY IS TURNING 225, AND OUR BELOVED PAT HAIGHT IS RETIRING AFTER OVER 40 YEARS OF FAITHFUL SERVICE. JOIN US AFTER WORSHIP ON SUNDAY, MAY 31, FOR A SPECIAL COFFEE HOUR CELEBRATING BOTH OCCASIONS!

FBC in Pictures: Middle School Fellowship Celebrates ALL the Birthdays on Sunday & Sr. High Fellowship Enjoy a very Hands on Visit with a few Curious Creatures!

Some of FBC's Middle School Fellowship Crew!



# Middle School Fellowship continued...



# SR. HIGH CURIOUS CREATURES FUN!



Zoom Coffee Hour  
Thursdays  
@ 10am



Zoom Coffee Hour Link for  
Thursday @ 10 AM

Lectio Divina  
continues this Friday  
with Daniel & Friends  
at 5:00 p.m.

Join us in the  
Church Lounge!



JOIN US ON SUNDAY, 5/3/26  
AFTER WORSHIP FOR FBC'S...

# YOUTH CLASS

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

**FBC'S**

## PARENTS' NIGHT OUT!

Join us on Friday, May 1st for our *Parents' Night Out (PNO)* at the First Baptist Church in Beverly from 6:00-8:30 p.m.!

We'll be ready to have fun together with dinner, games, the works! Don't miss this great opportunity, & friends are always welcome too!

**FREE**

# Word Searchers

The Word Searchers adult Bible study group finally completed their two-year study of the book of Acts last week! As such, the group will meet this week to (1) conduct a quick Word Searcher-style review of all that we learned from Acts and (2) try to get a handle on what happened to the book's main characters in the years following the final events recorded there.

Join us at 11:30 a.m. in the Conference Room for this little end-of-Acts celebration!

# PICKLEBALL

## AT FBC!



Monday Nights @ 7 pm | FBC's Gym

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH  
IN BEVERLY

8:00 O'CLOCK @  
KITCHEN TABLE

500 ML • 7.5% ALC.  
**FBC'S THEOLOGY ON TAP**  
• HANDCRAFTED WHEAT BEER •



TUESDAY,  
5/5/2026

LOCALLY  
BREWED IN  
BEVERLY, MA

May 10th  
CHILDREN AND  
YOUTH SUNDAY AT  
FBC!



“

How welcome upon the mountains are the feet of one  
who brings good news!

— Isaiah 52:7a

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## PENCIL IN FBC

April

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Wednesday

## Family Promise holds "The Myth of a Safety Net: When 'Help' Isn't There"

Join Family Promise for a powerful discussion panel from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. tonight at Endicott College tackling the very real implications of the housing crises for families facing homelessness.

April

30

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 children and young people from the wider community.

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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Friday

## Intergenerational Game Night

All are welcome to this Fun Squad hosted event from 6:30-8:00 p.m. Grab a favorite game (& water bottle), then join the Friday-Night-Fun!

May

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Saturday

## Ordination Council for Jenny Lane

All are welcome and encouraged to attend to help support Jenny in the Ordination process today at 2:00 p.m. Note: Only recognized delegates from Judson Association churches will be able to cast a vote.

May

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Sunday

## Children and Youth Sunday!

Pencil in a joyful Sunday that is sure to make us all smile: Children & Youth Sunday at FBC, with a worship service led entirely by our youth!

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!

May

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Sunday

## Deluxe Middle School Fellowship Breakfast & Music Sunday!

Join us from 8:30 - 9:40 a.m. as the Middle School Fellowship Group rolls out the breakfast red carpet for their annual fundraiser ahead of FBC's spring Music Sunday, courtesy of Esther and her talented groups of musicians!

May

27

Wednesday

## Pencil in the All-Church Annual Meeting

All are invited to join us tonight for the All-Church Annual Meeting kicking off at 7:00 p.m.

May

28

Thursday

## Beverly Multifaith Coalition Discussion of "Spiritual Resilience for Difficult Times," Session Three

Join the Beverly Multifaith Coalition at 7:00 p.m. in the Conrad Room at the Beverly Farms Branch Library for the third and final conversation about spiritual resilience, this time focused on the writing of Abraham Joshua Heschel, led by Rabbi Alison Adler of Temple B'nai Abraham and our very own Rev. Daniel Johnson!

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