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THE BULLETIN

of the First Baptist Church in Beverly



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Us

A warm and sincere *Thank You* to everyone who gave of their time and talents this Lenten Season all the way up through Easter Sunday! What an outpouring of helpers who made this season one to remember. There are still so many joyful spring activities to look forward to at FBC including fellowship retreats, book groups, hikes & more! Read on to see an Easter Photo Recap and to learn what to pencil in for the rest of April!

Worship With Us!

Join us for our **Worship Service** this **Communion Sunday, April 12th, 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.

"HOW TO REMEMBER"

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

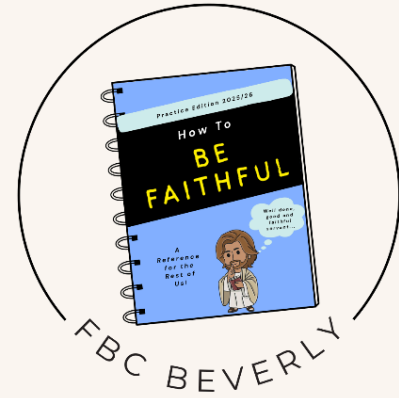


COMMUNION SUNDAY, APRIL 12, 2026
PREACHER: THE REV. DANIEL JOHNSON



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

- There will be no Middle School Fellowship since they are on their retreat, and Senior High Fellowship meets at 1:00 p.m. this week.



YOUTH FELLOWSHIP NOTES FOR THIS WEEK:

Middle School Fellowship

Sunday, April 10th - Sunday, April 12th: Weekend Retreat Away at Grotonwood Camp in Groton, MA

Departure: Meet at First Baptist at 5:30 p.m. on Friday.

Arrival Home: Return to First Baptist around 2:00 p.m. on Sunday for pick-up.

The Middle School Fellowship will be headed off to Grotonwood, an American Baptist camp and retreat center in Groton, MA, this weekend for their annual Weekend Retreat away! The group will be staying in cabins (which are appropriately climate-controlled and finished! Think of them more as small houses, not rustic summer camp cabins!) on the Grotonwood property and will be having meals together in the Dining Hall on the property. In between meals, the group will participate in programming planned and led by the FBC Advisor team, will have some time for free time and fun, and will have the opportunity to get outdoors, as well. Retreats away like this one are a really fun – and really special! – part of the Fellowship year, and they allow the group to grow in their connections to one another, strengthen friendships, grow as a team, and think together about the theme for the Middle School Fellowship year (in this case, that means thinking about friendship).

The group will plan to meet at First Baptist on Friday no later than 5:30 p.m. to load up the vehicles and get on the road by 6:00 p.m. – there will be a stop for dinner/snacks, so youth are invited to bring some money for that opportunity, if they wish. All meals once the group arrives at Grotonwood will be included in the retreat itself with no cost. The Middle School crew will then be leaving Grotonwood immediately following lunch on Sunday, which means youth should be back at FBC and ready for pick up around 2 p.m. that day (but a more specific ETA will be provided once the group is on the road that afternoon).

Please *RSVP to Julie* as soon as possible (but no later than Thursday evening, if possible) for the final headcount for the retreat.

We hope all our Middle School friends are able to come along and join in the fun of being away together as a group for the weekend!

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## Senior High Fellowship

**Sunday, April 12th: *Freaky Friday* Matinee at Beverly High School**

***For those wishing to carpool to BHS: Meet at First Baptist at 1 p.m. OR please meet the group AT BHS at 1:30/1:45 p.m.***

***\*PLEASE CONTACT JULIE IF YOU WILL BE CARPOOLING OR MEETING AT BHS!\****

After many rehearsals and lots of hard work, it's MUSICAL WEEKEND at Beverly High School, and several of our Fellowship friends are part of this production of *Freaky Friday*! The rest of the group will be heading to BHS to see the show and support the FBC Fellowship members who are a part of it all – either by carpooling together from the church OR being dropped off/picked up directly at the high school.

We need to order tickets for the group in advance, so please **let Julie know no later than Thursday evening, if possible**, if you would like a ticket to the show. If possible, we ask that all those who would like a ticket donate \$5 to help cover ticket costs (but if this presents a financial challenge, please just come along and enjoy the show – we never want anyone to miss a Youth Fellowship event due to financial obstacles!). Friends are welcome to join our group to enjoy the show – please just include them in the ticket count you send in your RSVP.

Break a leg, *Freaky Friday* cast, musicians, and crew!

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Click  
**HERE** to  
view our  
Web  
Calendar

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### **New Member of the FBC Team!**

We are delighted to announce that Mo Ducharme will be joining the FBC staff as our new church Sexton, effective immediately. This is a part-time position with primary responsibility for maintaining the church building, grounds, and equipment, as well as helping with setup and tear-down for services and events. Mo has already started working with Buck Shupp to come up to speed on the building and all of its systems.

Mo lives on the North Shore and also works at Trader Joe's in Danvers, where he handles facilities and a range of other responsibilities. Many members of the congregation will know Mo's children, Jackson and Emma Ducharme, who have grown up in the church.

We are grateful to have Mo's expertise and his calm and practical approach to FBC's building needs. Please join us in welcoming Mo!



A promotional graphic for a book group. It features a pink circular badge in the top left corner with the text "WIT &amp; WISDOM BOOK GROUP!". In the center is the book cover for "Within Arm's Reach" by Ann Napolitano, which shows a colorful illustration of a house. Below the book cover, the text reads "Join us on Monday, April 13th at 11:30 a.m. to discuss Within Arm's Reach by Ann Napolitano". At the bottom, the words "WIT &amp; WISDOM" are written in a large, bold, black font, with a decorative flourish underneath.

## Wit & Wisdom Book Group April Meeting is this Monday

*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!

## Calling All Twerties: Bring your Pup & Come Take a Hike!

### **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

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Mark Those Calendars: Beverly Multifaith  
Coalition Discussion Series 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

# Easter 2026 Photo Recap

*It was a joy-filled  
Easter Sunday at  
ABC Beverly!*





*Thanks to all who participated and lent a hand for the celebration, service & Ordinance of Baptism!*



Looking at the week ahead at  
FBC...

**Together Again!**

Zoom Coffee  
Hour  
Thursdays  
@ 10am



Zoom Coffee Hour Link for  
Thursday @ 10 AM

## Word Searchers

The Word Searchers will resume their study of Acts this Sunday at 11:30 in the Conference Room. We will begin in chapter 26, verse 12, picking up the story right where we left it a few weeks ago, with Paul winding up to make his final defense before King Herod Agrippa II (the son of the Herod who ordered the beheading of James the Apostle!). How will Herod rule this time?

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

Join us in the  
Church Lounge!



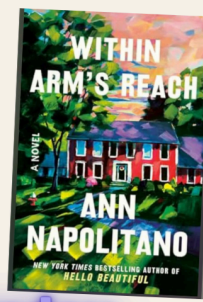
## PICKLEBALL

**AT FBC!**



Monday Nights @ 7 pm | FBC's Gym

**WIT &  
WISDOM  
BOOK  
GROUP!**



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Do this in remembrance of me.

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— 1 Corinthians 11:24b

## **PENCIL IN FBC**

April

**10-12**

Friday-Sunday

### **FBC's Middle School Fellowship Retreat**

And off they go! Our Middle Schoolers will head out for their retreat on Friday around 5:30 p.m. and return on Sunday around 2:00 p.m.

April

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Sunday

### **Communion Sunday at FBC**

Typically we celebrate Communion at FBC on the first Sunday of each month. However, with Easter falling on the first Sunday of April, we have decided instead to share Communion on this month's second Sunday at the 10:00 a.m. worship service.

April

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Monday

## Wit & Wisdom Book Group

FBC's Wit & Wisdom Book Group gathers today at 11:30 a.m. to discuss *Within Arm's Reach* by Ann Napolitano. Please Note: Folks are still welcome to join the group even if they have not read or finished this month's book!

April

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Friday

## The + Club Meets

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

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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 Stephy'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

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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*.

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