


# 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

The regular Program Year might be winding down and moving us toward summer programming, but June is kicking into high gear here at FBC! We've recently added a Wit & Wisdom Summer Kick-Off Luncheon in the Park to the calendar, as well as the Choir Party at Chebacco Lake, the final Parents' Night Out of the Program Year, and a Volunteer Appreciation Coffee Hour celebrating ALL of you amazing FBC volunteers! Mark your calendars for all these events and more – read on for all the details!

## Worship With Us!

Join us for our **Worship Service** this **Sunday, June 7th, 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 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.
- The Youth Pew is available for youth in grades 5-12 to enjoy worship together with peers.
- Middle School Fellowship meets from 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. and Sr. High Fellowship can opt to meet AT FBC at 1 p.m. to head to Hurd Stadium for BHS graduation OR meet the group at Hurd Stadium at 1:30 p.m.

## "Seeing The Promised Land"

Preacher:  
Rev. Wayne  
Lavender

Sunday, June 7, 2026



Scripture:  
Deuteronomy 34:1-8

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



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## We Warmly Welcome Rev. Wayne Lavender Back to Preach and Share about Foundation 4 Orphans (F4O), this Sunday!

Wayne will be preaching and sharing the work of *F4O* during the service this week. Rev. Wayne Lavender, Ph.D., is a United Methodist pastor currently serving as the executive director of the Foundation 4 Orphans and faculty member in the political science departments at Quinnipiac University and the University of Connecticut. A graduate of the doctoral program at George Mason's School of Public Policy in 2010, he earned his BA. from Drew University, and an MA. and M.Div. from the Pacific School of Religion. He is the author of nine books, including *Pure Religion*, and *Imperial Christianity* will be available in August. Wayne lives close to nature with his wife Maureen at the conference and retreat center for the Foundation 4 Orphans in Hamden, Connecticut.

The Foundation 4 Orphans (F4O) is an IRS approved 501 c 3 non-profit whose mission is to end the orphan pandemic in Mozambique. F4O partners with Zoe Empowers using an empowerment model designed by an African orphaned youth that is inexpensive (\$100 per year per orphaned youth, 3 years, total \$300) and ten times more effective than an orphanage model. For more information, find F4O at [www.f4o.org](http://www.f4o.org).

You can learn more about this organization's mission from Wayne [HERE](#). Or view a compelling 1-minute video from Rev. Wayne [HERE](#) ahead of Sunday.

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## YOUTH FELLOWSHIP NOTES THIS WEEK:

### Middle School Fellowship

**Sunday, June 7th: Meme Day!**

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

Calling all Middle Schoolers! It's 6/7, and that means it's time for a whole program celebrating and having creative fun with memes! The Middle School youth and advisors will spend the afternoon playing games and having fun, all with creative programming inspired by silly and funny memes and common slang (brain rot?!) getting used and known right now! Youth are encouraged to come wearing sneakers and comfortable clothes, ready for any and all game possibilities. Friends are welcome to come and join in the fun, as well, of course!

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### Senior High Fellowship

**Sunday, June 7th: Beverly High School Graduation!**

**Note Special Time: 1:00 p.m. (at FBC) OR 1:30 p.m. (at Hurd) - 3:30 p.m. - Meet at Hurd Stadium at 1:30 p.m. (BHS if it's raining) OR at 1 p.m.**

The Sr. High Fellowship is excited to get to celebrate Beverly High graduation and to cheer on Kaelyn Stout as she graduates from high school! The rest of the crew is invited (for anyone not in the BHS band or with other graduation responsibilities, of course!) to come to

sit together at the ceremony to cheer on Kaelyn and the Class of 2026. There are two options for ways to get to/from this program: (1) meet at FBC at 1 p.m. to head over to Hurd Stadium (rain location is at the high school) together for the ceremony OR (2) meet the group AT Hurd (or BHS if it's raining) at 1:30 p.m. **Please let Julie know if you are joining in the celebratory fun AND let her know if you will be dropped off/picked up at BHS OR at Hurd so the group can plan!** Come and cheer Kaelyn and her classmates on as they walk that stage and get their diplomas!

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Click  
HERE to  
view our  
Web  
Calendar

## A Note from Pat to the FBC Family...



Thank You

Dear FBC Family and Friends,

I am still so overwhelmed from all the good wishes and love that was shown to me on Sunday. It was a wonderful celebration.

Thank you for the cards and gifts and wishing me well. It means so much.

I have so many memories to carry with me of everyone from over the years. I certainly will never forget them. Once again, thank you so very much.

Fondly,  
Pat



*Congratulations on  
your Retirement, Pat!*



## Tickets Available for The North Shore Philharmonic Orchestra at FBC on Sunday, June 7th for their Children's Concert and Instrument Petting Zoo



**THE NORTH SHORE**  
Philharmonic Orchestra  
ESTABLISHED IN 1948  
ROBERT LIEBMAN, Music Director

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**Mass  
Cultural  
Council**



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Cultural  
Council**



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Crafts  
& student performers @  
2pm**

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# Keep Reading *Theo of Golden* ahead of Monday, Witties! PLUS, \*NEW\* Summer Event Added on June 22nd!

**WIT & WISDOM BOOK GROUP!**



Mark those calendars!  
Join us on Monday,  
June 8th at 11:30 a.m. to  
discuss *Theo of Golden* by  
Allen Levi!

## WIT & WISDOM

### Wit & Wisdom Book Group meets on Monday, June 8 at 11:30 a.m.

Calling all Wit & Wisdom crew who enjoy a good read! The next book group meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 8th at 11:30 a.m. Folks are welcome to bring a packed lunch—and of course thoughts on Allen Levi's book, *Theo of Golden*.

**LET'S ENJOY GETTING OUTDOORS!**



## Summer Kick-Off Luncheon on Monday, June 22 at 11:30 a.m. at Lynch Park

## WIT & WISDOM

We have one more chance to get together, **Wit and Wisdom** friends, before taking a summer hiatus. On **June 22, 2026 at 11:30 a.m.** we will gather at *Lynch Park* in Beverly to party and enjoy each other's company.

**\*\*Please bring your packed lunch, your favorite chair or blanket to sit on and your sunscreen, and join in this opportunity for outdoor fellowship!**

Now, our track record for cooperative weather was not very good this winter, so we will hope for a beautiful day of warm temperatures and sunshine, but if rain prevails we will just gather at the church in the lounge with our lunches and friendly spirits! We will contact you on the day of, if that will be the case.

If you are out of town resident and/or do not have a parking sticker for Lynch Park, please let us know and perhaps a Beverly-ite can meet you at the church parking lot to share a ride.

Open to all of retirement age (even if you are still working but free on Mondays), we look forward to seeing you! If you have questions contact Elly at [Ellyflow09@comcast.net](mailto:Ellyflow09@comcast.net).

## Mark Those Calendars for Race Amity Day on Sunday, June 14th



JOIN US IN  
CELEBRATING

# RACE AMITY DAY IN BEVERLY

Race Amity Day is observed annually on the second Sunday in June to celebrate interracial friendship and showcase the power of interracial partnerships to foster lasting and powerful social change.

**SUNDAY JUNE 14TH  
12:30-1:30**

**BEVERLY CITY HALL LAWN**  
Rain Location: Beverly City Hall Indoors

Bring: A Joyful Heart, Lawn Chair, Picnic Lunch





Our 2025-2026 church program year is drawing to its close in a few short weeks, and over the course of this month, many of our regular programs, committees meetings, and volunteer commitments and roles are pausing for the summer, too – which makes this a PERFECT time for us to come together so our FBC staff can celebrate and offer our appreciation to the MANY amazing volunteers who make this church community so joyful, so thriving, so fun, so warm and welcoming, so full of fellowship, so welcoming for children and youth, so community meal-y, so financially sound, so musical, so social action oriented, so worshipful, so lay visted, so Holiday Fair-ful, so prayer shawl-ful, and MORE!

Daniel, Julie, and Esther are hosting a VOLUNTEER THANK YOU CELEBRATION COFFEE HOUR for ALL First Baptist volunteers of ALL kinds on **Sunday, June 14th**, following worship! If you have volunteered at First Baptist in ANY capacity this year, this is a celebration of YOU! We hope you will stay and join us in Wilbur Hall for this time of appreciation and gratitude and celebration, allowing our staff to say THANK YOU to the many amazing folks who make First Baptist Beverly what it is.

If you haven't been able to jump in on volunteering just yet, NOT TO WORRY (and please remember that by being here and offering the gift of your presence, that alone is invaluable to our community, and we are so grateful and lucky to have you!) – this is an invitation to you, too! Please join us as we celebrate the wonderful community of this church all together, bringing your presence together with ours in a time of gratitude!

Spread the word, grab your First Baptist friends, and please join Julie, Daniel, and Esther in this time of gratitude and celebration!



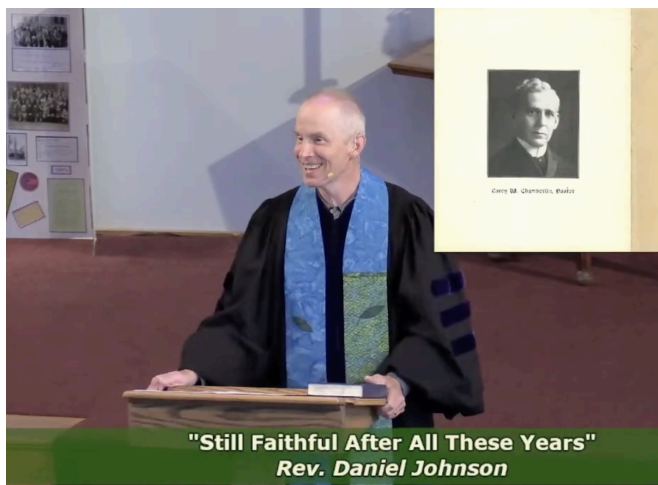
## It was a FULL Celebratory Sunday as we Joined Together to Celebrate the Church's 225th Anniversary in a Special Service of Worship this Past Sunday!



Reading of the Original Articles of Incorporation with the Commonwealth (1821), abridged — *John Thomson*



Call to Worship, inclusive of the 1924 Document for a Change of Name with the Commonwealth — *Rev. Julie Flowers*



"Still Faithful After All These Years"  
*Rev. Daniel Johnson*

It was a joyful and celebratory Sunday this past Sunday as we celebrated the Quisquibicentennial of the First Baptist Church in Beverly! (That's a 225th Anniversary for those keeping count!) The church, first organized in 1801 when a group of Baptists living in Beverly grew tired of having to travel to Danvers by horse or by boat through wind, rain, and snow to worship each Sunday and decided to try to make a go of things having their own Baptist church right in Beverly. From those first faithful seeds, the journey of the First Baptist Church in Beverly was born – and continues, still! Here's to those first 225 years of faith, ministry, music, mission, community, caring, service, love, and so much more – not to mention to the next 225 years and more to come!

And how will we be known through all those years to come? This, from the 1924 Petition for a Change of Name with the Commonwealth of Massachusetts:

**Now, Therefore, I, FREDERIC W. COOK,** *Secretary*  
of The Commonwealth of Massachusetts, do hereby certify, that the name which  
said corporation shall bear is

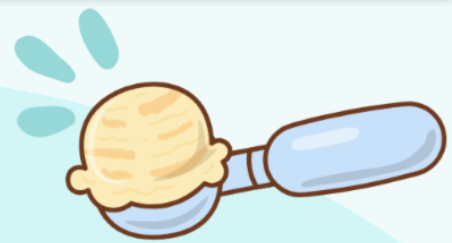
The First Baptist Church in Beverly,

which shall hereafter be its legal name.

## Take a Look at the Curious Creatures Who Visited our Middle School Fellowship Crew and Check out Some Scenes from Sr. High Fellowship's 2026 Ice Cream Crawl!



# ICE CREAM CRAWL AROUND THE NORTH SHORE



**Stay tuned for the big reveal of which ice cream shop FBC's Sr. High Fellowship dubbed the BEST of 2026!**

Looking at what's on the near horizon at FBC!

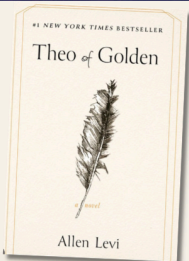
**Zoom Coffee Hour**  
**Thursdays**  
**@ 10am**



**Zoom Coffee Hour Link for Thursday @ 10 AM**

**LECTIO DIVINA MEETS**  
 today with Daniel & Friends at 3:00 pm.  
**CANCELED FOR THIS WEEK. WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU NEXT TIME, FRIENDS!**

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**PICKLEBALL**  
**AT FBC!**

Monday Nights @ 7 pm | FBC's Gym

**FBC'S**

**PARENTS' NIGHT OUT!**

Join us on Friday, June 12<sup>th</sup> for our final **Parents' Night Out (PNO)** of the program year at the First Baptist Church in Beverly from 6:00-8:30 p.m.!

We'll go out with a bang, including Curious Creatures & a few other fun surprises throughout the night!

**FREE**

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FREEDOM DAY  
FRIDAY, JUNE 19TH, 2026

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**WIT & WISDOM**

“

This is the land of which I swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, saying, 'I will give it to your descendants'; I have let you see it with your eyes, but you shall not cross over there.

”

— Deuteronomy 34:4

## PENCIL IN FBC

### Communion Sunday

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

June

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Sunday

### North Shore Philharmonic Orchestra is Back!

A special afternoon kicks off at 2 p.m. at FBC for the young and young at heart as the NSPO comes back for the third annual child-friendly performance (including instrument petting zoo, crafts & student performances) at FBC! Click [HERE](#) for tickets to The Ballad of Dick Whittington!

June

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Monday

### Wit & Wisdom Book Group

FBC's ever-popular retirement-age-group will meet to discuss *Theo Of Golden* by Allen Levi at 11:30 a.m. Reminder that Witties are welcome to bring a packed lunch.

June

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Friday

### Parents' Night Out

It's the final PNO for the program year from 6:00-8:30 p.m. and some **Curious Creatures** will be joining in the fun!

June

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Sunday

### Volunteer Appreciation Coffee Hour

Join us for the 2nd Annual Volunteer Appreciation Coffee Hour after worship on June 14th – please plan to stay and celebrate!

## Race Amity Day in Beverly

Join us at City Hall from 12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. where Daniel and others will return to participate this year.

June

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Thursday

## Choir Party at the Blanchards Camp!

Esther's Choirs are gathering back at the Blanchards' on Chebacco Lake to celebrate another joy filled program year!

June

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Friday

## Church Office is Closed

The Church Office will be closed in honor of the Juneteenth Federal Holiday today.

## The + Club Meeting

Join The + Club for some DIY fun making Pride gear ahead of the parade!

June

20

Saturday

## Save-The-Date for FBC's Twerties

More twenty-and-thirty-something fun is on the horizon so pencil in FBC! More details to come!

June

26

Friday

## American Red Cross Blood Drive at FBC!

Join the Beverly Rotary Club as they co-host a Blood Drive today from 11 a.m. - 4p.m. at FBC!

June

27

Saturday

## Save-The-Date for the Annual North Shore Pride Parade

FBC will again be participating in the Pride Parade starting in Salem this morning. Stay tuned for our plans and timing for the day.

June

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Sunday

## Interfaith Pride Service

Join us at 2:30 p.m. at the Tabernacle Congregational Church in Salem (50 Washington Street) as we participate in this service. There will be a reception immediately following.

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