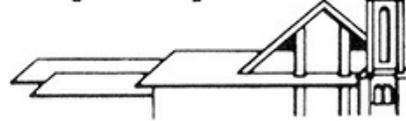


THE BULLETIN

of the First Baptist Church in Beverly



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Worship With Us!

Sunday, December 12th
at First Baptist Church

10:00 am: Join us on our [YouTube channel](#) or in person for the Third Sunday of Advent!

To view all the special events we have planned in December, you can click [HERE](#) to view our new Advent Calendar or visit our [Advent webpage](#).

This video will also be available on our church website, www.fbcbeverly.org/sermons.
(You will also find a link to the service on our [Facebook page](#).)

***NOTE: This Sunday our 3rd, 4th & 5th grade friends will continue the creation of our Nativity Scene in worship :)!**

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Scripture: Luke 2:8-14

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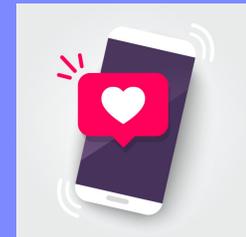
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Together Again!

Zoom Coffee
Hour
Thursdays
@ 10am



**Thursday Morning
Zoom Coffee Time**

Come and gather around the virtual table on Thursday at 10:00 am for a time of connection, laughter, reflection, fellowship, and sharing! There is always room for more to gather, so come and pull up a chair with us!

Zoom Coffee Time
Thursday, December 9th, 2021, 10:00 AM ET

Join Zoom Meeting
<https://uso2web.zoom.us/j/87406244804>

Meeting ID: 874 0624 4804

Word Searchers

Our Word Searchers adult Bible study will continue its Advent study of Isaiah and the hoped-for Messiah this Sunday at 11:30 am in the Conference Room. This week's class will focus on chapters 31-40 in Isaiah, in which we will meet good old king Hezekiah of Judah. Could this be the promised one who would finally usher in a kingdom of perfect peace? Whether you are able to read in advance or not, we would love to have you join us as we ponder this question!





Order Your Christmas Poinsettias TODAY!

Another beloved Advent/Christmas tradition of our church family is BACK this Advent season; we are taking orders for Christmas poinsettias in memory or honor of loved ones to decorate our sanctuary on Christmas Sunday (December 19th) and on Christmas Eve (December 24th)!

*****Due to supply chain issues for florists, we MUST receive all orders by Wednesday, DECEMBER 8th, TODAY!*****

The poinsettias that you order will be available for you to take with you following the 11 p.m. Christmas Eve service, or you can designate it to be delivered to someone in our church family or community who has been unable to attend worship in person this Advent season.

Each plant is \$9.00 this year. You can place orders by calling the church office at 978-922-3295 OR by emailing Office Manager Pat Haight at phaight@fbcbeverly.org.

Thank you so much for helping to adorn our sanctuary for Christmas AND helping to honor and celebrate the many important people and loved ones in your lives.

Don't Forget to Pledge for 2022!

Stir Me From Placidness to Support FBC Beverly in 2021~2022!

Drive-by Events from 2020 Rally Day Kickoff and Lenten Distribution Kits & Meal Programs continue!

Childrens Educational Opportunities/Crafts Continued In Person and on YouTube

Virtual Worship, Zoom Events & Hybrid Worship Technologies are all Implemented

Zoom and Outdoor Programming for Youth are Offered

Friday Online Concerts & Virtual Choir and Bellringers Created

4 New Staff Members are Added

The greens have been hung in the church, the second Advent candle has been lit, and the Christmas season is upon us. Before the busyness of Christmas completely engulfs us, if you haven't yet made a pledge to the church for 2022, please take a moment to reflect on all the church has done during the past year and hopes to do in the year ahead, and submit a pledge to support its ministry. The year ahead will be challenging and exciting and needs your financial support.

There are three easy ways to submit a pledge:

- If you attend the worship service on Sunday mornings, you can fill out a green pledge card that's in the pew rack and place it in the collection plate.
- If you received a pledge card in the mail, you can return it to the church by mail.
- Electronic pledge cards can be found at <https://forms.office.com/r/CkA2vVfWS0> and submitted electronically with the simple push of a button.

Thank you to everyone who have already submitted a pledge card. If you made a pledge for 2021 and are uncertain how much you owe to fulfill your pledge, please contact Pat Haight, the church's Financial Secretary, at phaight@fbcbeverly.org or at the church office at 978-922-9532 anytime from 9:00 am to 2:30 pm.

Your support is important & very much appreciated!

Bringing Coffee Hour Back Post Worship: Your Help is Needed!

Communal Life hopes you enjoyed the refreshments provided during the Holiday Parade and the Coffee Hour this past Sunday. We have now been given the go-ahead to restart our after-church coffee hour on Sundays. We hope you will join us for a brief fellowship time after church with hot or cold beverages and a few snacks!

The fellowship hall now has a HEPA-filtered air quality purifier that will improve the air exchange and quality in the fellowship hall to meet current standards for health and safety. Now, we need YOUR help! Currently we have just a couple people to work the coffee hour preparation and management, but we need others who may also enjoy providing hospitality to join us.

We are looking for **volunteers** who are willing to work on the **Coffee Hour program**. We usually do some preparation before church to shorten the after-church setup time. Once the initial preparation is done, you can go in and enjoy most of the worship service.

Then (usually during the last song and benediction, or earlier if you prefer), the final set up is done. This schedule ensures that all is ready when the service is ended for anyone who wants to visit a bit with others. Also, for those who plan to attend the adult study class following the service, you can bring your coffee (and snacks) with you to the class! After the Adult Study Class finishes, we get it all cleaned up and put everything away, usually about by 1:15 p.m. or earlier.

Lucy Keller has been the main point of contact for the Coffee Hour and would be happy to show others how to do the preparations and setup, as well. She will be out of town for the holidays, so if just a few people were willing to help with Communal Life's efforts to bring our after-church coffee hour back, we can keep it going even while she's out of town.

If you are interested in joining our Coffee Hour team, please contact Lucy Keller at: vtladymuse@hotmail.com or on her cell to call/text at 978-210-7123. Thank you kindly!

The Gift of Heat

The members of the Board of Deacons are hoping that you will join us in our annual Christmas giving by once again making a contribution to help **Beverly Bootstraps** provide heating assistance to individuals and families in our community. Many of our neighbors benefit from this assistance as they try to keep their homes and families warm and fed. The folks at Beverly Bootstraps say this need can be significant through the winter months. We can all imagine the worry and suffering that would come from lack of heat. With your help the **Gift of Heat** program can offer a substantial source of support. YOUR gift is greatly appreciated! Cash or checks are accepted. Please make your check out to the **First Baptist Church** with a memo to **Gift of Heat** and return it to the church office at 221 Cabot Street, drop it in the offering plate or deposit it in the basket in the back of the sanctuary on Sunday. We will gather the donations and forward one total amount to Beverly Bootstraps. **Please return your donations by January 9, 2022.** We hope your gift will warm your heart! Thank you!



*First Baptist Church in Beverly's
Advent Devotionals
Week 1: Rejoice, Rejoice!*



Daily Advent Devotionals

Looking to dial-in to this special time of year and share in a time of reflection?

Rev. Jaimie has created daily Advent Devotionals that we will email out on Monday-Friday over the coming weeks to help us start our days off with intention and prayer.

You can check on our [website](#) to view any days you may have missed.

Hanging of the Greens Friday Night~ FBC Beverly is Ready for Christmas!



Moments From Worship & Sunday School: The Second Sunday in Advent



Rev. Jaimie Crumley delivers the Stepsitters children message.



Adding Mary and the angel to our Church Nativity during worship .



Making our own Nativity scenes in our Littlest Learners room.



"Hand"-crafted wreaths made of the people we love.



Setting up her Christmas Nativity Scene.



Happy to be back together for our Children's Sunday School Class!

Bloomin' For Good is BACK for December

As a reminder for the month of December 2021, First Baptist Church Lunch Program has been selected to receive a \$1 donation for every \$10.99 Bloomin' 4 Good Bouquet with the red circle sticker sold at the store located at 37 Enon Street, Beverly MA.

Please grab some beautiful blooms and support this worthy cause!



Is There a Basis for Corporate Investment in Communist China?

In our last Bulletin Article, entitled, "Corporate Responsibility and the Global Economy," we cited our investment experience involving Beijing Enterprises Water Group Limited (BEWG) in China. This was earlier consummated through an investment in an International Equity Fund created and managed by Boston Common Asset Management. While Boston Common is no longer invested in BEWG, there are many other Chinese owned securities which offer favorable investment opportunities for possible inclusion within the International Equity Fund.

Despite any such favorable investment circumstances, however, there are also major political issues which can be said to cloud our investment at any level in Chinese securities.

First, China is a Communist nation governed to advance its proclaimed expansion of Communist interests throughout Asia and beyond. To this end, the government of China has demonstrated little respect for religious freedom and human rights;

Second, China has recently announced its intent to expand the installation of advanced military weaponry contrary to international goals pursuing the reduction and ultimate elimination of nuclear weapons; and

Third, China has willfully engaged on an international scale in the utilization of sophisticated electronic theft of competitive business technology.

Since the government of China has not hesitated to intervene, and in some cases, take over company operation (i.e. such as in education and financial fields) in order to control the conduct and direction of their domestic or international business, should these circumstances influence the nature and scope of our potential investment presence in China?

As manager of the International Equity Fund in which our Trustees are invested, Boston Common embraces the following principles as guidelines when considering an investment in Chinese Companies:

- "When Boston Common analyzes the ESG profile of Chinese Companies, it takes particular care in evaluating social and environmental risk. Boston Common seeks companies that have good employee practices and that do not directly support human rights abuses.
- "From the beginning, Boston Common has avoided investing in companies that are majority-owned by the Chinese government. Boston Common adopted that policy as a guideline due to human rights and governance concerns. Boston Common has made rare exceptions for renewable energy companies that are subsidiaries of Chinese State-Owned Enterprises (SOE).

- “Boston Common recognizes that China has an enviable record of driving economic growth that has helped hundreds of millions of people out of poverty. In addition, the country’s aggressive investment in renewable energy has helped make solar power cost competitive with fossil fuel power generation in many countries.
- “Boston Common invests in both China-based companies and global companies operating in China. For many years, Boston Common has considered the potential of human rights impacts of companies sourcing products from China or selling their goods and services into China.
- “We expect many economic opportunities as China transitions to a more consumption-driven economy with significant investment in a low carbon, more energy-efficient economic future. Our investment in China has focused on high quality companies that can benefit from these secular growth trends including sustainable consumption, industrial automation, environmental solution and renewable energy.”

While current economic and political conditions could well argue for caution in the pursuit of an expanded investment strategy in China, there are equally urgent challenges which could be more productively addressed through economic partnerships at the global level. The United States of America and the Republic of China represent the largest and most dominant and influential economic structures in the world. Clearly, both nations derive much of their economic strength from the vast production and marketing components comprising their respective intertwining economies. Both nations now embrace the overwhelming importance of ecological sustainability as a foundation for the preservation of all existing and future life on this planet. Further disharmony marked by national isolationism among business and industry so engaged in this mission seem pointless and profoundly self-defeating. Clearly, as current governmental and political process seemingly find expression primarily in military adversity, the alternative pursuit of private business development and entrepreneurial investment would be expected to offset such consideration through a solidification of economic partnership. Thus, the procurement of environmental justice and world peace could well ultimately rest in some measure upon the magnitude, diversity, and interdependencies of business and industry located within the United States and the Republic of China. Given the potential for either American or Chinese business and industry to offer leadership and positive direction consistent with the Policy Guidelines set forth by Boston Common, we could see little reason to object to their inclusion within a global corporately responsible investment strategy.

We would welcome your thoughts and reactions to our investment strategy.

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Coming Up at FBC



Saturday, December 11th

12:30 pm: Lunch Program (Boxed meals-to-go meals will be provided from the gym)

Sunday, December 12th

10:00 am: Hybrid Worship on YouTube or In Person

Children's Sunday School class during service

11:30 am: Word Searchers Adult Bible Study in Conference Room

4:00-6:00 pm: Middle School Fellowship

6:00-9:00 pm: Senior High Fellowship

Monday, December 13th

6:00 pm: Monday Night Supper (Boxed meals-to-go meals will be provided from the gym)

7:30 pm: Lighting of the Third Advent Candle with Rev. Jaimie on Facebook and [YouTube](#)

Tuesday, December 14th

9:30 am: Staff Meeting

**NOTE: To see the current events planned for December,
Click [HERE](#) to view our new Advent Calendar!**

Sunday, December 5, 2021

"What Child Is This?"

Scripture: Luke 1:26-38

Preacher: Rev. Julie Flowers

Sunday, December 5, 2021

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