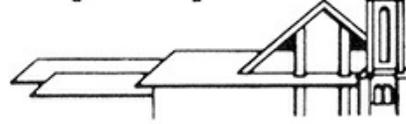


THE BULLETIN

of the First Baptist Church in Beverly



A progressive and welcoming Christian community!

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Worship With Us!

*Sunday, February 6th
at First Baptist Church in Beverly*

10:00 am: Join us on our [YouTube channel](#) or in-person for worship. This is also Communion Sunday! If you are joining us online, please provide your own Communion elements of a piece of bread and cup of something to drink.

Our Hybrid Mid-Year Meeting has been rescheduled for Sunday, February 13th at 11:30 am after worship.

You can also view Sunday's worship service on our church website, www.fbcbeverly.org/sermons.



Rev. Cindy and her dog Mack post-storm & snowy!



Dr. Daniel the day after the storm and still smiling!

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"Deep Water Catch"

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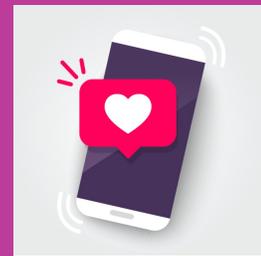
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Be sure to Opt In to our TEXT MESSAGE reminders! It takes less than 60 seconds to sign up at <https://safestop.io/hKh8KW> & will keep you in the know on all things FBC :)!



FBC Building Use Guidelines

December 2021 and January 2022



Sanitize your hands frequently.

Wear a mask that covers your nose and mouth.



Sign in when you join us for in-person worship!

Practice social distancing!



Stay home if you have cold or flu symptoms. Worship with us virtually if you can!

Questions? Please contact Rev. Julie Flowers, Rev. Cindy Maybeck, Rev. Jaimie Crumley, or Dr. Daniel Johnson!



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Reminder: Please wear a mask that covers your nose and mouth whenever you are in the church building. Please ask a Deacon to provide a mask for you if you forget to bring yours.

A CALL FOR GREETERS: We only have a few slots filled, so don't be bashful, please sign up for one (or multiple!) times at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10CoD4EADAC2AA7FCC25-sunday> to volunteer to greet this winter/spring!

Fellowship and Books continues at FBC (on Zoom!)

Fellowship and Books at FBC
EVERY WEDNESDAY AT 7:30 PM ON ZOOM
(JANUARY 19-MARCH 16, 2022)

We will read the book *Fierce Love* this winter!
Fierce Love was published in 2021, and the author is Rev. Dr. Jacqui Lewis.



Join us on Zoom!
Meeting ID: 828 2490 8647
Passcode: 491715

On Wednesday, February 2nd, join us on Zoom to discuss Chapter 3 of "Fierce Love!" Feel free to join us even if you haven't completed the reading.

Join Rev. Jaimie Crumley on Wednesdays, for a time of fellowship and book study on Zoom. This winter (January 19-March 16, 2022), we will read and discuss the 2021 book *Fierce Love: A Bold Path to Ferocious Courage and Rule-Breaking Kindness That Can Heal the World*.

Fierce Love is by Rev. Dr. Jacqui Lewis, the senior minister of New York City's Middle Collegiate Church. Lewis is the first African American person and the first woman to serve as a senior minister in the history of the collegiate church (founded in New York City in 1628). She has dedicated her ministry to building a multiracial and multicultural faith community. *Fierce Love* is a series of nine essays about the daily practices we can do to transform ourselves, our communities, and our world! Lewis has described the book as "a manifesto for all generations, a universalist's vision for mending our broken hearts and a fractured world."

Zoom

Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82824908647pwd=dy95OGs1WERvQ0ooMWdTMTYyUmtUdz09>

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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, February 3rd, 10:00 AM ET

Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87406244804>

Meeting ID: 874 0624 4804

Open Gym Night featuring Pickleball Thursdays 5:00-7:30 PM

If you are looking to have some fun and exercise in a safe environment, then you should poke your head (and body) into the FBC gymnasium on Thursday!

Our new fresh air ventilation system will be up and running, our new Pickleball court will be all set up, and new Pickleballers and old-timers alike will be free to grab a paddle and jump into the game.

So come on out to the gym and get moving!



Theology On Tap Updates!

For the month of February we've decided to push Theology On Tap back to **Tuesday, February 8th**. We think it best at this time to gather virtually, so **Zoom on in** and join us at 8:00 pm!

Additionally, we'll be holding this fun time of fellowship on **March 8th** (also pushed back one week for the month) and are hoping by then to meet safely in person again. Please mark your calendars and plan to join us. *Cheers!*



Word Searchers

Please plan to join us on **Sunday, February 20th**, as we pick up again with our study of the book of Isaiah.

Soup-R-Bowl on Sunday, February 13th!

How about a bowl of hot, delicious soup for the Super Bowl or anytime?

The mission committee will be selling homemade soup by the pint (\$5) and quart (\$8) on Sunday February 13th. The soup will be sold directly after the worship service for those attending in person. Also, from 11:15 am to 11:45 am you may swing by the church for pickup at the back door of the church. Keeping COVID in mind, care will be taken in the preparation of the soup. There isn't a more delicious way to support the mission work of the church!



Rev. Cindy's Storytelling Class Continues on Tuesday, February 15th

Rev. Cindy Maybeck will teach a class about storytelling every other Tuesday evening this winter. Our next class will meet in the Lounge from 7:00–8:30 pm on **Tuesday, February 15th**. Each class will have a different theme.

You will hear Rev. Cindy tell a story and learn how to tell your own stories. Each class will explore different biblical stories with different stories about church life. You may attend all sessions or just one or two. Bring your curiosity, a sense of humor, and an open heart as we hear God's stories and tell our own stories to one another.

Anointed & Appointed: Finding Your Purpose

Tuesday, February 15, 7:00 pm

Sharing stories about God calling us to use our gifts

There is a Balm in Gilead: Your Faith Has Made You Well

Tuesday, March 1, 7:00 pm

Sharing stories about healing in body, soul and society

FBC Baptism Class Beginning the Week of March 1st!

Are you interested in taking the next step to make a full commitment to being Christian by being baptized?

Would you like to become a member of FBC Beverly?

The pandemic shutdown interrupted our annual baptism class, but this year, Rev. Cindy will teach a class for youth interested in exploring the possibility of baptism.

We will meet weekly during Lent to prepare for a service of baptism on Easter morning (April 17). Participants will work with an adult sponsor and write their personal statement of faith. We hope to begin class in Lent (first week of March), so if you are interested, **contact Rev. Cindy by February 15**. Together, we will schedule the best time for everyone. (Possible scheduling includes Sunday before youth fellowship or Thursday after school or in the evening.)

Please join us if you are just wondering about being baptized. Joining class shows a commitment to explore and question; but deciding whether to be baptized will be your own decision to make at the end of the process.

Adults who are interested in baptism on Easter Sunday are welcome to meet with Rev. Cindy for an individual study session during Lent. Friends, this opportunity to choose to give ourselves to God with the love and joy of this church home will rock the house. Celebrating believer's baptism in the manner in which Jesus himself was baptized is a glory to behold. Pray about this opportunity, talk with your family, and **contact Cindy** if you are interested in joining in the fun, joy and friendship of baptism class.

Please let us know if there are any questions at all, and we look forward to the honor and privilege of working with your children during this special season!



Take me to the water to be baptized.

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Nicaragua Mission Trip

An Introduction to AMOS Health & Hope: “We believe everyone deserves to have health and hope.”

Isaiah 65:20 Never again will there be in it an infant who lives but a few days, or an old man who does not live out his years....

Imagine you live in a community three hours from the nearest hospital, doctor's office or pharmacy. Your child or your elderly relative is ill. They may have a very treatable illness that can be cured with medicine from the pharmacy or a quick visit to the doctor's office. They may also be very sick and need to see a medical professional quickly. However, you cannot afford the long bus ride to the nearest city, and perhaps your child or older loved one is too sick to travel long distances. This is the reality of many of those who live in rural Nicaragua.

In 2017 a group from FBC Beverly travelled to Apantillo, Nicaragua to bring water filters to homes and to help at an anemia-prevention clinic in this rural mountain community. There we met Ada Luz, the community health promoter from Apantillo, who was trained by AMOS. We toured the clinic she runs and saw statistics on how clean water keeps infants and the elderly from ingesting parasites and getting ill. There were zero deaths in households that had received water filters. We also saw the medicines available and first aid needs. The people of Apantillo do not have to travel three hours to receive basic health care. In addition, we learned how Ada Luz walks from house to house checking on babies, the elderly, and those who are sick.

Beginning in 2017, FBC has supported the clinic and Ada Luz's work in Apantillo. Along with another church, we donated a water tower to the town as well. Having this partnership with Apantillo has helped save lives of the most vulnerable in this community. It is even more important now, with the added challenge of COVID, for us to continue our partnership with Apantillo through AMOS. Stay tuned for more information regarding our work with AMOS and check out this important [video](#) from our time there!

Senior High Snow Painting this Past Week :)



The Pursuit of Compliant Investment Management Services

The Trustees of Endowment have recently engaged the services of Eastern Bank Wealth Management to assume the management of our Ruth Peckham Fund. The return from this fund is fully dedicated to the provision of a supportive service program as currently administered by Harborlight Community Partners. Such services fulfill a major part of the congregate living assistance needed by our residents at Harborlight House in Beverly and within other HCP regional programs. This transition of management was required in order to assure that the administration of assets contained within the Peckham Fund are fully consistent with the Social Investment Policies adopted by of the First Baptist Church.

Michael A. Tyler, chief Investment Officer for Eastern Bank Wealth Management, offered the following thoughts expressed in his article entitled “Why ESG reduces Risk and May Increase Investment Returns”:

“The Practice of ESG [Environment, Social and Governance] investing at Eastern Bank and across the investment community has grown in sophistication in recent years, such that today investors no longer must choose between market-based returns and social benefits. They can and should demand both Our ESG Sustainability models explicitly use ESG factors to assess all stocks and bonds being considered for purchase. We also apply ESG standards in choosing how to vote shareholder proxies, and we seek out investments that actively promotes positive impact – all without adversely affecting return.”

Maureen Trefry, CFP, Senior Vice President of Eastern Bank Shares, Inc. provided a clear explanation of the application of ESG criteria in the selection of securities. This methodology screens 22,000 companies for alignment with measured revenue and involvement in the following areas: adult entertainment; defense; firearms, including landmines, cluster bombs, chemical and biological products; fossil-fuels; nuclear energy; gambling; tobacco products; recreational drugs; stem cell development and utilization; and thermal coal. Additionally, the screening process embraces an assessment of company respect for human dignity through the protection of human rights, of gender and racial equality, as well as of all United Nations Global Impact principles. With this background, Eastern Bank may then assist our trustees in the decision to eliminate and moderate investments, or initiate change in company operations which adversely impact ecological sustainability, the opportunities for a just, peaceful and health-filled life, as well as the freedom to participate in the legislative, regulatory and judicial process of government keyed to protecting the rights of all people.

Clearly, the scope of Eastern’s investment strategy addresses a significant span of concerns embraced within the Investment Policy Guidelines adopted by the First Baptist Church. The Trustees look forward to an on-going consultation with Eastern Bank in the refinement of a productive strategy which now provides such a vital contribution to the support of the affordable housing program administered by Harborlight Community Partners.

In this regard, subsequent Bulletin articles will be devoted to the direct mortgage investment initiatives comprising our portfolio specifically serving the needs of Harborlight Community Partners.

Please share your thoughts with us.

Your Trustees of Endowment Funds
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Coming Up at FBC



Wednesday, February 2nd
7:30 pm: Fellowship and Books with Rev. Jaimie virtually

Thursday, February 3rd
10:00 am: Zoom Coffee Hour
5:00-7:30 pm: Open Gym Night featuring Pickleball
6:00 pm: Bell Choirs are in the Chapel
7:30 pm: Sanctuary Choir in the Music Room

Saturday, February 5th
12:30 pm: Lunch Program (Boxed meals-to-go meals will be provided from the gym)

Sunday, February 6th

Communion Sunday

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

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

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

Monday, February 7th

2:00 pm OR 7:30 pm: Ad Hoc Communications Meetings

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

Tuesday, February 8th

9:30 am: Staff Meeting

8:00 pm: Theology on Tap via Zoom

Wednesday, February 9th

7:30 pm Fellowship and Books with Rev. Jaimie virtually

Sunday, January 30, 2022

"Snow Stories"

Scripture: Psalm 30:1-5

Preacher: Rev. Cindy Maybeck

Sunday, January 30, 2022

Snow Stories

Psalm 30:1-5

Storyteller: Rev. Cindy Maybeck

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Check out all of FBC Beverly's sermons at fbcbeverly.org/sermons

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