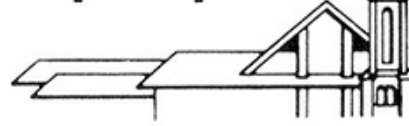


THE BULLETIN

of the First Baptist Church in Beverly



A progressive and welcoming Christian community!

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Worship With Us!

*Sunday, January 16th, 2022
at First Baptist Church*

10:00 am: Join us on our [YouTube channel](#) or in-person for worship.

To view our upcoming events, click [HERE](#).

IMPORTANT NOTE: The Church Council Business Meeting will be this Sunday, January 16, from 11:30 am-1:30 pm. The meeting will be hybrid, meaning that you can join us online or in person. Please check your email on Saturday for the Zoom link if you will join us online. Please join us in the chapel after this Sunday's worship service if you are attending in person.

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

Sunday, January 16th, 2022

10:00 a.m.

"Steadfast"

Scriptures: Psalm 36:5-10

John 2:1-11


Preacher: Rev. Jaimie Crumley

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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!

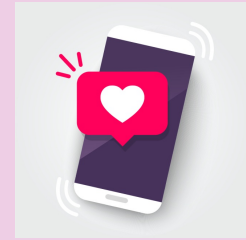
Questions? Please contact Rev. Julie Flowers, Rev. Cindy Maybeck, Rev. Jaimie Crumley, or Dr. Daniel Johnson!



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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.

*Opt in for *TEXT MESSAGE* reminders and updates now offered by FBC Beverly at <https://safestop.io/hKh8KW> for updates sent directly to your mobile device!



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, January 13th, 10:00 AM ET

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

Meeting ID: 874 0624 4804

Open Gym Night featuring Pickleball Thursdays 5:00-7:00 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!



Word Searchers



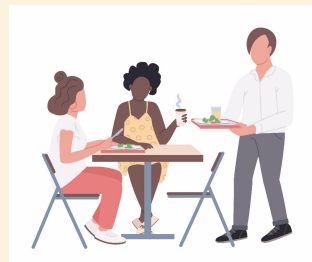
Our Word Searchers adult Bible study will NOT meet this Sunday, January 16. Instead, please attend the Church Council meeting!

Plan to join us on Sunday, January 23 to continue our study of the book of Isaiah.

Are you ready to do something kind, but not sure where to begin?

The Saturday Lunch Program is looking for YOU :)!

The lunch program has now returned to serving our guests inside the gym, a warm, well-ventilated space, a nice cup of coffee, some soup, and a hot meal. Making this change has required more volunteers for our teams who prepare the meals. Our weekly teams have worked together now for a year and have found that it's a good way to be with one another and to accomplish a needed service for our lunch guests.



We seek more volunteers, as COVID-19 has changed the way in which guests are served the meal to keep everyone safe. If you can volunteer your time from 12:00 to 2:00 pm on Saturdays on a monthly basis, please contact Cindy Shupp at cjshupp@verizon.net to learn more details. Many thanks to *John and Eileen Hadley* who work tirelessly organizing the entire meal program.

Rev. Cindy's NEW Storytelling Class Starting Tuesday, 1/18!



Rev. Cindy Maybeck will teach a class about storytelling every other Tuesday evening, starting on January 18! We will meet in the Lounge from 7:00–8:30 pm on January 18, February 1 and 15, and March 1. 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.

I Love to Tell the Story

Tuesday, January 18, 7:00 pm
Learn how to tell a biblical story by heart

Finding Your Story of Faith

Tuesday, February 1, 7:00 pm
Sharing stories of prayer, mission, and justice

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

The Return of Fellowship & Books 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, January 19th, join us on Zoom to discuss the Introduction and Chapter 1! Feel free to join us even if you haven't completed the reading.

Join Rev. Jaimie Crumley on Wednesdays, starting on January 19, 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*. **Please pick up a copy**

of the book for yourself from the church office. Those who have Audible accounts might also want to check out the audiobook version.

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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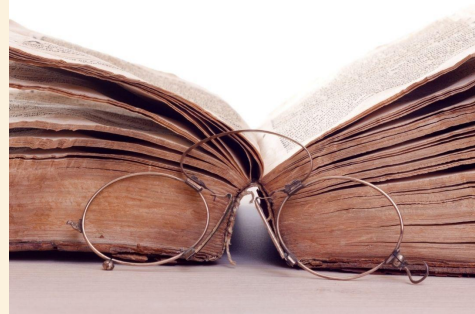
What Is Biblical Storytelling?

During the next few months at FBC, we welcome our Interim Minister, the Rev. Cindy Maybeck. Her skill as a Biblical storyteller is among the many gifts that Rev. Cindy brings to her interim ministry with us. You might be asking, "What is Biblical storytelling?" In short, it is the practice of telling the Scriptures by heart, allowing ourselves to find parts of ourselves in the sacred text that has shaped so many humans for thousands of years. Rev. Cindy shares more in this short [video](#)!

To learn more about Biblical storytelling and to keep up with everything that is happening these days at FBC, subscribe to our [YouTube channel](#) or visit our [website](#)!

WHAT IS BIBLICAL STORYTELLING?

Rev. Cindy Maybeck



Fundamental Importance of Voting Rights

In the overall course of our administration of your endowment assets, issues rarely arise which represent a serious threat to our overall capacity to assure the future sufficiency of these assets in support of our ministries. This is one such occasion which is cogently and eloquently addressed in the advocacy of our Fund Manager, Trillium Asset Management. We are reproducing their letter to the Congress of the United States of America expressing our shared concern for the preservation of our economy and the American dream.

Dear U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Administrator and Members of Congress,
[A strong democracy is not only vital for America's moral fabric, but also for our economic future.](#)

Democratically accountable governments provide a level playing field for all market participants and ensure competition, as well as help protect businesses from fraud and deception. Without equal enfranchisement at the ballot box, the American dream of big ideas which become thriving enterprises and result in social mobility, greater opportunities, and a better life for ourselves, our children and our grandchildren is nothing more than a dream.

As Richard Doner, Professor Emeritus at Emory University, declares, "unequal voting means unequal opportunities and a smaller middle class," a result which would unequivocally chill economic activity. A smaller middle class reduces market demand, decreases earnings potential, and undermines confidence in capitalism. Currently, there are approximately 400 proposed state bills that would seek to constrain access to the polls, particularly for working-class Americans and Americans of color, that carry with them significant risk for business. Should these bills become law, we face a grave threat to long-term economic growth.

While asset management firms have historically chosen a bottom-line approach to business, Trillium Asset Management has shown that a values-based approach can result in financial success. And we're not alone. A 2016 University of Gothenburg [study](#) found that strong voter participation, combined with other elements of a healthy democracy, are correlated to positive stock market returns. Because of the clear business case for strong democratic institutions, we urged large employers like Apple, Bank of America, and PNC to provide paid time off for their nearly 400,000 U.S. employees to vote in the 2020 election. Indeed, more and more companies have realized that providing paid time off to vote leads to greater **employee engagement**, **worker retention** and **recruitment**, and **brand value**. It has become a business imperative. Alongside these powerful business imperatives, we also know that actively supporting the right to vote is unquestionably the right and just thing to do. We firmly believe that regardless of race, ethnicity, religion, or language, one thing is clear: we all value the right to vote and believe that all eligible Americans should have access to this fundamental right. That's why we must take action now to make the promise of democracy real – to ensure that the people of this nation can fairly and freely choose their representatives and have their voices heard.

As investors, we understand this inherent link between a strong democracy and a healthy economy, and that the foundation of a strong democracy is voter participation. That is why we are [calling on Congress](#) to introduce and pass legislation, like the John Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act. Congress has no greater responsibility than to work together to secure our democratic institutions, to defend American values, and to pass a bill that protects the right to vote for all eligible Americans. The strength of our economy and the promise of the American dream depend on it.

See it on MarketWatch.com <https://www.marketwatch.com/story/protecting-voting-rights-isnt-just-the-right-thing-to-do-its-also-good-for-business-11629475745>

Please share your thoughts with us,

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Moments With Our Middle Schoolers:

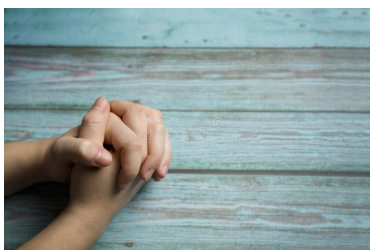


Pictured are the Middle School Fellowship group last Sunday making blankets for Project Linus. Project Linus is a non-profit that provides blankets to children and families in need.

Thank you for the photos Heidi Keating!



In the Family...



Congratulations to the Blanchard family!

Bob and Debby are the proud grandparents of Charlee Marie Blanchard, born on 1/7/2022 (7 lbs., 4 oz) to Matt and Stephanie. The Bitler family (Laura, Dan, Jason & Claire) are also excited to welcome a cousin to the family!

Coming Up at FBC



Thursday, January 13th

10:00 am: Zoom Coffee Hour

5:00-7:00 pm : Open Gym Night featuring Pickleball

Saturday, January 15th

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

Sunday, January 16th

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

11:30-1:30 pm: Hybrid Church Council Meeting

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

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

Monday, January 17th

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

6:30 pm: Church Home Meeting (Virtual)

Tuesday, January 18th

9:30 am: Staff Meeting

4:00 pm: Lay Visitation Committee meeting

Wednesday, January 19th

7:30 pm: Fellowship and Books

7:30 pm: Trustees of Endowment meeting

**Note: To see the current events planned for January,
Click [HERE](#) to view our January Calendar!**

Sunday, January 9, 2022

"Baptizing the Beloved"

Scripture: Isaiah 43:1-7

Luke 3:21-22

Preacher: Rev. Cindy Maybeck

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