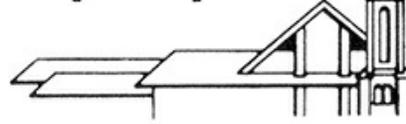


THE BULLETIN

of the First Baptist Church in Beverly



A progressive and welcoming Christian community!

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Visit our Website

*Worship
With Us!*

*Sunday,
March 13th
at First Baptist
Church in Beverly*



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

11:30 am: Hybrid Church Council Meeting- details to follow.

Note: Word Searchers will NOT meet on March 13th (due to the Church Council Meeting) or on March 20th (due to Amirah's Hope Sunday.) We will reconvene on March 27th :).

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

Sunday, March 13, 2022
10:00 a.m.

"Friendship-- The Greatest Commandment"

Scripture: John 15:12-17

Preacher: Rev. Jaimie Crumley

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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

Join us tonight, Wednesday, March 9th on Zoom to discuss Chapter 8 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 are reading the 2021 book *Fierce Love: A Bold Path to Ferocious Courage and Rule-Breaking Kindness That Can Heal the World*.

Zoom

Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82824908647pwd=dy95OGs1WERvQ00oMwWdTMTYyUmtUdz09>

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Together Again!

Zoom Coffee
Hour
Thursdays
@ 10am



**Thursday Morning
Zoom Coffee Time Takes
on new Themes for Lent**

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! Join us as we explore the upcoming Lenten themes in the coming weeks.

March 10 - Unburdening/Letting Go of Guilt
March 17 - Friendships as Lifelines
March 24 - Social Justice
March 31 - Advocating for Ourselves

Zoom Coffee Time
Thursday, March 10th, 10:00 AM ET

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

Meeting ID: 874 0624 4804

Open Gym Night featuring Pickleball Thursdays 5:30-8:00 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.

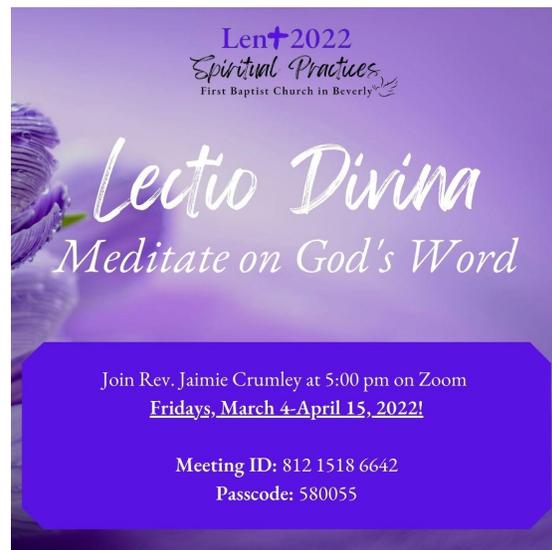
So come on out to the gym and get moving!



Lectio Divina continues this Friday, March 11th at 5:00 pm on Zoom!

Lectio Divina is a spiritual practice in which we read Scripture aloud, pray and meditate on what we have heard, and depart to put what we have learned into action. Lectio Divina allows us to engage in two spiritual practices that are important to us as American Baptists. First, we read and reflect on the Scriptures. Second, we allow ourselves to be inspired by what we have heard. **Join Rev. Jaimie on Zoom each Friday during Lent at 5:00 pm** for forty minutes of meditation on God's Word.

Our Scripture for **March 11, 2022**, is Mark 1:9-15. There is no need to read the Scripture before we meet as Jaimie will read it twice during our time together. All are welcome to join us for this time of reflection and prayer.



Zoom Link click [HERE](#). ~ Meeting ID: 812 1518 6642 ~ Passcode: 580055

Passport to NICA!

Join us every Monday through **April 4th at 7:00 pm on Zoom** for "Passport to Nica," a virtual mission trip experience with AMOS Health and Hope!

Interested in participating? **Register here:** <https://forms.gle/GtgUZDwN8BPm93M58> or email Marissa directly at marissa.alaniz@amoshealth.org.



Virtual Prayer Space on Tuesdays, March 8-April 12, 2022 on YouTube



Join Rev. Jaimie Crumley **here** on Tuesdays, March 8-April 12 for a virtual prayer space. You may participate in these prerecorded 5-minute-long prayer sessions anytime. However, Jaimie recommends that you set aside five minutes to pray with her on Tuesdays. These brief videos will also be ideal to share with someone you love who might benefit from a bit of quiet prayer time each week.

Yesterday's prayer time was about letting go. Join Jaimie next week for prayers for relationality and community building.

"See" you in our virtual prayer space!

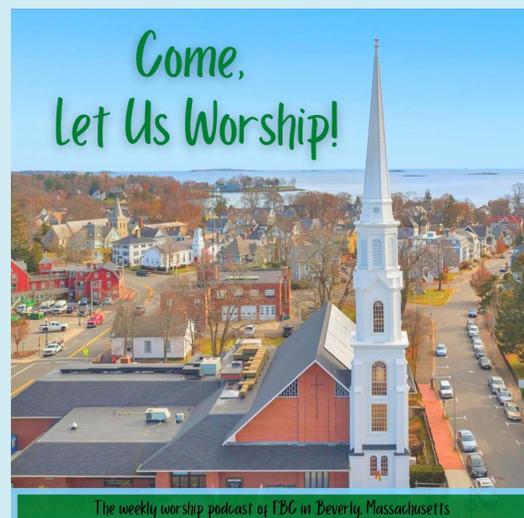
New Videos up on the FBC YouTube Channel!

FBC's Worship Podcast launched yesterday!

Tune in to our new podcast "Come, Let Us Worship!" every Tuesday, wherever you get your podcasts for a 25-minute program that includes music, prayers, Scripture, and the preached word.

This podcast offers an opportunity for you to take a deep breath, and just for a moment, bask in God's presence.

This abbreviated version of our social-justice-oriented Christian worship services will also be perfect to share with someone you love. Click **HERE** to view the promo video!



Mark Your Calendar for *Hope Sunday* on March 20th! Click [HERE](#) or on our graphic below to learn more!



**The Direct Investment Fund
First Baptist Church in Beverly
March 2022**

During the past several months, your Trustees of Endowment Funds have offered several articles describing the basic components now comprising the investment portfolio of the First Baptist Church (FBC). To this end, we have attempted to illustrate the application of our Social Policy Guidelines in shaping the local, national and global investment strategies. In this article, we wish to focus on our Direct Investment Fund account which is largely comprised of a major mortgage loan extended by FBC in supporting our investment in turtle Creek Housing in Beverly. Turtle Creek Housing, developed and occupied in 1983 and 1984 at the intersection of Route 128 and Route 22 (Essex Street), now provides 109 units of low income housing for elders.

Following a tumultuous but unsuccessful attempt to establish FBC's second affordable housing development in the downtown Beverly area, FBC elected to acquire a less central site on Essex Street. The photographs that follow show Rev. John Wilbur, Minister and primary initial advocate for affordable senior housing in Beverly, Mel Cole, a FBC member and initial Chairperson of the Turtle Creek Board of Directors, and other City officials conferring and spading at the proposed site during ground breaking celebrations in 1983.



From Left to Right
Gerald Gouchberg, Former land owner
Mayor Peter Fortunato
Melrose Cole, FBC Member
Project Contractor, R. Foss & Company



From Left to Right
Rev. John Wilbur, Minister, FBC
Melrose Cole, FBC Member
Philip Dunkelbarger, Bev. Alderman
and Jeffrey Pond, Architect

After 30 years of serious wear and tear on its Turtle Creek facilities, the First Baptist Church, acting through its Harborlight Community Partners ministry in 2013 was successful in completing an \$18.4 million financial restructure and renovation to preserve the 109 units of affordable housing. This transaction, one of the boldest in the Region at that time, involved State, Federal, and corporate entities. This home, now to over 125-135 seniors, underwent a transformation which not only impacted the quality of life for residents, but also insured that the building itself remained structurally sound for decades to come. As an integral part of the transaction, FBC elected to loan Turtle Creek Housing Corporation the necessary remaining funds to accomplish the project. We share a panoramic view of Turtle Creek facilities taken at the tie of dedication in 2013 and as it now appears to this day.



**Turtle Creek Ribbon
Cutting Celebration
Memorable for All!**

Your Trustees of Endowment Funds have continued its support for the advancement of FBC's affordable housing program. Such Church membership approved investments include a small loan to Firehouse Place in Hamilton, a Harborlight Community Partners project providing a permanent home for the Accord Food Pantry together with four affordable rental units, as well as a small investment in the Blue Hub's housing and community development program directed to the provision of affordable housing in disadvantaged communities throughout the United States. The faithful return from these investments has been replenishing the direct Investment account since their inception.

As reflected within all segments of our investment portfolio, your Trustees are committed to the full application of our investment guidelines promoting an aggressive advocacy to achieve a moral revolution in the management of individual and corporate investment decisions. This is a revolution, clearly predicated on the values espoused on our Biblical traditions which embody the rights of all people to a fulfilling life enriched by the grace of sharing the resources which comprise our planet - a life open to enlightenment, free of ignorance; a life respectful of dignity and opportunity for all people free from the threat of discrimination, war and violence; a life undiminished by poverty, homelessness, hunger, and ill-health; and a life conducted in harmony with a magnificent God-given environmental creation.

Please share your thoughts with us.

Your Trustees of Endowment Funds,
First Baptist Church in Beverly



In The Family...

It is with great sadness that we pass along the passing of Bill Blanchard III on March 7, 2022. Bill is the wife of Sarah Blanchard and the brother of Bob Blanchard. His FBC roots run deep; he was a lifelong member of the Church, predeceased by his parents, Barbara and Bill Blanchard.



Coming Up at FBC



Wednesday, March 9th

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

Thursday, March 10th

10:00 am: Zoom Coffee Hour: Theme is *Unburdening/Letting Go of Guilt*

2:00 pm: Reopening Committee

4:00 pm: Baptism Class with Rev. Cindy Maybeck

5:00-8:00 pm: Open Gym featuring Pickleball

6:00 pm: Bell Choirs are in the Chapel

7:30 pm: Sanctuary Choir in the Music Room

Friday, March 11th

5:00 pm: Lectio Divina on Zoom with Rev. Jaimie Crumley

Saturday, March 12th

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

Sunday, March 13th

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

11:30 am: Church Council Meeting (Hybrid)

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

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

Monday, March 14th

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

7:00 pm: Virtual Mission Trip with AMOS to Nicaragua!

Tuesday, March 15th

Virtual Prayer Space Available (anytime!)

9:30 am: Staff Meeting

4:00 pm: Lay Visitation Committee

Wednesday, March 16th

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

7:30 pm: Trustees of Endowment

To view our March Printable Calendar click [HERE](#)

Sunday, March 6, 2022

"Turning Toward God's Love"

Scripture: 1 John 1

Preacher: Rev. Cindy Maybeck

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

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